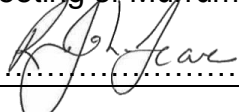
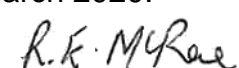


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TO BE HELD TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2020**

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ITEM NO. 1 - MAYORAL REPORT

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	18 March 2020
Author:	Mayor
File #:	SC217
Approval:	Mayor

March has been tinged with hope and opportunity following general promising rains. Follow up will allow us the confidence to progress with plans to keep our part of the region functioning and productive. If weed growth was a key indicator, we would be assured of a bumper season.

The Coleambally and surrounding community was shocked and greatly saddened by the tragic loss of Ella Painting. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Matt and Melissa Painting and family. Ella's contribution to, and her exuberance for, life was truly remarkable - in her short but memorable life she made a difference and leaves an amazing legacy.

We are this very moment in the grip of Corona virus uncertainty. Our job as Local Government is to disseminate information to our communities. To do this in an informed, clear and appropriate manner while maintaining calm and common sense is a challenge. Public safety is paramount. No initiative, no matter how great or out there, can be disregarded.

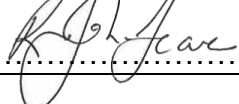
Council is in the process of developing a Communications Kit - this Kit will be presented to Council at our Workshop prior to the March Council Meeting.

Council will diligently and regularly update our communities.

5 and 6 March 2020 – Drought Support Officer Samantha Star, in conjunction with the Jerilderie and Coleambally Football and Netball Clubs saw the presentation of the "Tackle Your Feelings" Mental Health Evening/Workshop - this included a coaching Clinic and bbq, and then a workshop for players, coaches and committee.

13 March 2020 – Murrumbidgee Council hosted our 2020 International Women's Day event, which was facilitated by our Drought Support Officer. Approximately 80 women enjoyed an enlightened and inspiring address from Dr Hannah McDougall - focusing on what you can achieve, the many journeys that allow this and the importance of education, well health, both physical and mental, and constantly challenging historical stereotypes made for an entertaining and thought provoking luncheon. Thank you to Samantha Star, Murrumbidgee Council Staff and the Colony Inn.

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Congratulations to the Coleambally Active Farmers Group, led by Joe Briggs and Jessica Burge, who have rallied their peers and fellow community members to take part in an 8 week program aimed at social engagement and exercise for a healthy body, healthy mind outlook on life

Below are some meetings I have attended since the February Meeting:

26 February 2020 - RAMJO - Water Group, Berrigan

Discussion around the finalisation of the RAMJO position paper.

This paper will be the blue print for Advocacy at a local and regional level.

It's greatest challenge has been to recognise the local issues, advocate for them at a strategic level and to think of the collective need rather than the '*just our need*'.

This committee is a true reflection of how RAMJO can work - its success is clearly determined by its leadership

3 March 2020 – Coleambally Pony Club, Coleambally

Coleambally Pony Club invited Council to morning tea to view the work that has been completed with the Stronger Communities Fund grant money that had been made available to them.

The Pony Club's passionate key driver, Gail Habermann, not only provided morning tea but walked us through the progress that had been made. Assisting the Pony Club has been a Corrective Services Team that have made a significant contribution.

Well done to this small club with a big heart, and we hope to see the facility utilised and continually upgraded into the future.

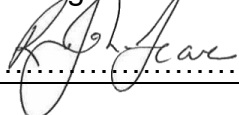
4 March 2020 - YTAG -SDLAM Water Meeting - Jerilderie

David Clarke - Project Leader of the YTAG Group met with General Manager John Scarce, Justin Williams, Johann Perriera and myself to explore the idea of further progressing the development of the Jerilderie Weir as a project within the Yanco Billabong SDLAM Projects.

From the small amount of intel we were able to glean, it would not be an addition, it would be a replacement with an ugly structure. It would be expensive and automated, and we would then be at the mercy of the water operators as to how it was managed or manipulated.

We would need far more information and a far greater level of certainty before we moved down this path. Financially it makes no sense, environmentally and socially its positives would be negligible, and productively it would be devastating.

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5 and 6 March 2020 – “Tackle Your Feelings” Coaching Clinic and Workshop, Jerilderie and Coleambally

As alluded to earlier in my report, this program, facilitated by the AFL, was accessed promoted and made available through Murrumbidgee Council's federally funded drought money.

The numbers attending were great - its message was simple but clear, its presentations were warm and empathetic, and it created a pathway for future access if and when required.

Thank you to Drought Support Officer, Samantha Star for making this happen.

10 March 2020 - METAG Meeting, Brolga Hotel, Coleambally

Invited guests, Richard Allsop and Rachel Whiting of RDA Riverina. A presentation showcased the services RDA can deliver and the breadth of its network and its personnel.

Some of the areas identified were: workforce development, skilled migration, grow our own initiative, varied professional services. What was clearly identified was the importance of the RIVERINA Brand. Also clearly articulated was the ethos that *“we are stronger together”*.

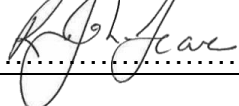
- Darlington Point entrance signs;
- Other signage prioritisation;
- Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide - a collaborative effort - taking time to get it right - includes Arts and Culture, History, Heritage, Nature, Food and Wine - advertising costs and on packages;
- Local Visitor Guide;
- Updated Image Gallery;
- Drought Community Program - DSO, Disability Access Coleambally and Darlington Point pools, town beautification by 3;
- Thrive Riverina Membership - and associated memberships;
- CICL - 2 weeks April/May Art Display in house.

12 March 2020 - YCAG -Water Meeting, Jerilderie

Much discussion around the NSW SDLAM Project Advisory Group /Yanco CAG Alignment. Membership capped to 12 plus the Chair, including: YACTAC, LGA, Community, Industry. Aboriginal Culture, Environmental Management, Tourism, Recreational Water Use, Land and Water use. Sitting Fees, Chair will be an independent appointment. This is concerning.

Meeting discussed the Options Evaluation Framework- its short listing of projects - its detailed studies and how this framework must address the triple bottom line, including categories/how many ?/relevant criteria, and determining the proportionate weightings.

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A Visioning Statement Workshop was conducted as a whole which will inform our community consultation which will be commenced in May 2020. Priorities need to have First Nations people at the table.

Change of name from YCAG to SAG

13 March 2020 - International Women's Day (IWD) Luncheon, Jerilderie

The 2020 IWD function was celebrated in Jerilderie at the Colony Inn Hotel. A group of 80 women gathered to listen to the inspirational address from Dr Hannah McDougall.

Great fellowship for women across our Council footprint was had by all. The bus load from our northern reaches were very welcome, and progresses well our integration across our 3 communities. Again my thanks to Sam Star and Murrumbidgee Council staff for facilitating this event.

16 March 2020 – Mid Murray Zone (MMZ) Captains' Meeting, Jerilderie

A well attended meeting with most Captains available. A debrief on a very challenging fire season - lessons learned. While our part of the world was relatively unscathed, our volunteers have rallied and joined the collaborative effort to get these catastrophic fires controlled. No amount of thanks seems adequate but thankful we are.

Areas covered were:

- Training, PPE, plant replacement and upgrades, Brigade funding (Coles), Zone staffing;
- Permit allocations, VOL call, address by CISS personnel.

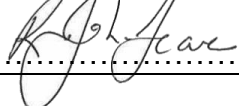
Extra storage to be built at Jerilderie Town Brigade site - some maintenance issues at Town Brigade building need addressing.

18 March 2020 - RAMJO Health Meeting, Jerilderie

Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) Chief Executive Jill Ludford attended the meeting and covered off communication on the following:

- GP shortage and the innovative Rural Generalist Program that is being embraced and rolled out - should give greater certainty for those training and allow greater peer support in the Hospital environment;
- Close collaboration with the PHN's - especially around mental health - roll out of "My Stepped Care" Programme end to end care, different access line, better able to manage staff;
- Aged care is such a huge part of our health service delivery - an expected growth in this area of 35% in the next 10 years;

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- Significant increase in 0-12 yrs figures also;
- Concerns around MLHD sites being the default providers for “every service required after hours”;
- Drought discussion- 5 farm gate workers busy/3 Bushfire Clinicians PTSD;
- COVID-19 discussion - Protocols in place - vitally important that we listen to the Public Health communication = PREPAREDNESS PLAN;
- Wellness Nurses being run out in 4 sites - Deniliquin, Leeton. Griffith and Corowa;
- Recurrent funding for the Towards Zero Suicide Prevention Program Way Back Project - PHN Beyond Blue Initiative;
- \$4.6 million upgrade for Deniliquin Hospital + a state of the art scanner.

R. K. McRae

Cr Ruth McRae
MAYOR

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[Signature] General Manager *R. K. McRae* Mayor

ITEMS FOR DECISION

ITEM NO. 2 – AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	17 March 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, at a meeting of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the audited financial statements, encompassing the General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ended 30 June 2019, be adopted.

BACKGROUND

Council was presented with the draft financial statements at the January Extraordinary Meeting. No significant changes were made to the draft statements and the auditor's reports have now been included.

OFFICER COMMENT

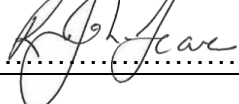
The Consolidated Income Statement indicates an operating surplus for the year of \$6,586,000.

The Statement of Financial Position indicates total net assets of \$288,396,000.

The Statement of Cash Flows indicates a net increase of cash for the year of \$5,891,000 showing total cash, cash equivalents and investments on hand, to equate to \$31,684,000.

Performance Ratios indicate the financial performance of the Council against defined industry benchmarks. The operating performance ratio was -10.93%, with a benchmark of greater than 0%. Own source operating revenue was 35.15%, below the benchmark of 60%. The unrestricted current ratio of 6.16 times was greater than the benchmark figure of 1.5 times. This indicates Council has sufficient liquidity to meet its current liabilities. The debt service cover ratio is 40.55

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times, which is greater than the benchmark of greater than 2 times. This indicates adequate operating cash to fund debt obligations. The rates and charges outstanding ratio of 8.31% achieves the industry benchmark of less than 10% for rural Councils, and the cash expense cover ratio of 27.15 months is above the industry benchmark of greater than 3 months.

The audit report concludes that the audit procedures did not identify any instances of non-compliance with legislative requirements or a material deficiency in the Council's accounting records or financial reports. The Council's accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the General Purpose Financial Statements to be prepared and effectively audited and staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Provided under Division 2, Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

FINANCIAL

As per audited financial statements.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027.
Operational Plan 2018/19.
Delivery Program 2018/19 – 2021/2022.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Public submissions in relation to the audited financial statements are to be received within 7 days of this meeting.

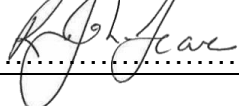
CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Consultation with representatives of the Audit Office and Crowe Australasia senior audit practitioners has been undertaken with the Finance Manager and Manager, Corporate & Community Services.

OPTIONS

Presentation of the audited financial statements is required under Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993. Section 418 requires Council to fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports and give public

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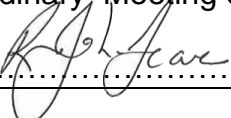
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notice of the date, which must be at least 7 days after the notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports are provided to the Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Audited Financial Statements are provided under separate cover.

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ITEM NO. 3 - GENERAL MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	17 March 2020
Author:	General Manager
File #:	SC218
Approval:	General Manager

BACKGROUND

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the General Manager, along with specific action items being dealt with.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Endorse the COVID – 19 response plan;**
2. **Authorise the General Manager to place to tender for 28 days the Coleambally Sports Precinct, further the Council award tenders at the June 2020 Council meeting;**
3. **Authorise the General Manager's request for flexible annual leave dates, and the use of the lease back vehicle for travel in Queensland during such leave. Further the General Manager liaise with the Mayor on these dates.**

OFFICER COMMENT

1. COVID – 19

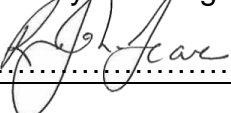
Local Government has a key role to ensure that all our residents are communicated with in relation to this virus. We are developing a communications kit for both internal and external communications and actions.

There are actions that we may be required to undertake, these will be discussed during the workshop.

The idea of implementing these actions is to ensure that mass exposure does not occur and to reduce the burden on the health system and supply chains such as food and other essentials.

My recommendation is that Council endorse the COVID – 19 response plan.

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2. Projects

Coleambally Sports Precinct – Attached are relevant plans for the precinct. A complete set of drawings and tender documents will be available at the Council workshop.

We are working on the delivery plan, ensuring that we limit the disruption to users of the precinct, as well as determining how to deliver the outcomes.

I seek Council endorsement to place to tender.

3. Organisational Structure Review

Item listed for the March workshop.

4. Annual Leave and Lease Back Motor Vehicle

I have requested holidays the week prior to Easter to take my mum back to Mackay. COVID – 19 could throw a spanner in the works, especially with the Queensland Government talking about locking the elderly in their homes for 4 months, following the lead of the British. As such, I seek permission to be more flexible on taking my annual leave and for using the lease back motor vehicle.

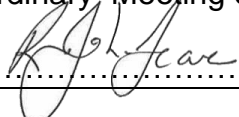
I will liaise with the Mayor prior to taking leave.

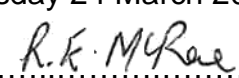
5. Other Things On The Go

General Manager:

Description	Comment	
Meetings attended since last Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management Meetings – 2• RAMJO GM Executive – 1• Meetings with Mayor and/or Councillors – 5• Residents and Ratepayers – 3• Cypress View -1• Architect – 3• International Women's Day Speech• Veritech• Consultative Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• METAG• All staff at 4 locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (1) Jerilderie Depot,• (2) Jerilderie Office,• (3) Darlington Point Depot Office Staff attended,• (4) Coleambally Depot and Office Staff• Individual Staff Meetings - 6• Coleambally Chamber• NSW Water
Salary Steps Structure	Provided a single page document to the Consultative Committee. No reply from Union to date	
Management Team Performance Reviews	(2019/20) Completed	
Young Street Subdivision	Smaller lot subdivision – design being undertaken	

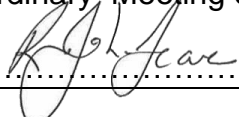
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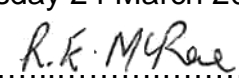
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Drought Grant	Applied
Writing proposal for Qualification Based Assessment for engineering services	Progressing slowly
Land sale contracts from Solicitors	As required
Caravan Park Redevelopment	MDBA application submitted, unsure of when decision will be made
Darlington Point Office	Progressing to details of design and delivery schedule to build in-house
Coleambally Hall and Office	Finalising layouts for Council consideration
Review agendas and business papers	As required
Demolish Coleambally Lions Park Toilet Block	No progress month of march
Multipurpose Health Centre Coleambally and Ambulance Station Darlington Point	Couple of tentative meeting dates being considered.
Completion of surveys	Nil – March 2020
Policies	<p>Not Commenced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Disposal • Business Continuity • Child Protection • Communication Devices • Community Festival and Events • Complaints Management • Corporate uniform • Councillor and Council Staff Interaction • Community Engagement Framework • Drinking Water Quality • Rates and Charges Hardship • Records Management • Related Party Disclosure • Statement of Business Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities • Enterprise Risk Management • Fraud and Corruption Prevention • Gifts and Benefits • Internal Reporting • Leasing of Council Residential Properties • Media • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) • Procurement • Public Interaction and Meeting Disclosure • Road Risk Management • Social Media • Signs as Remote Supervision • Stormwater Risk Management
	Code of Meeting Practice – Currently on public display, adoption April 2020 Meeting

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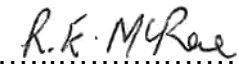
	Motor Vehicle – Consultative Committee input received last meeting
	<p>Policies to be reviewed due to inconsistencies (not commenced):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Strategy • Internet, Intranet, Email and Computer Use Management • Privacy Management <p>(Some policies may have only minor inconsistencies, eg referencing the incorrect management position, eg Assistant General Managers)</p>
	New Policy – Alcohol and Drug Policy - Continuing consultation – wrote letter to unions in relation to their objection to zero BAC in policy
Citizenship Ceremonies	As required

General Manager - Distance by road travelled – 17 February 2020 to 17 March 2020 - 5,409km

Human Resources:

Description	Comment
Meetings	1x Management Group
Employee Engagement Survey	Reports, including Executive Summary received 13 March 2020– to be discussed with General Manager, then Management Group – 83% employee participation
Recruitment	<p><u>Advertised</u></p> <p>Plant Operator Parks and Gardens – Jerilderie – interviews being arranged</p> <p>Plant Operator Parks and Gardens – Coleambally – Interviews being arranged</p> <p>Plant Operator – Construction – Darlington Point (26.03.2020)</p> <p>Plant Operator – Maintenance – Darlington Point – (26.03.2020)</p> <p>Fabricator – Workshop – Jerilderie (20.03.2020)</p> <p>Accountant – Finance – Jerilderie (20.03.2020)</p>
Training	<p>Customer Service Excellence and Handling Challenging Conversations – Workshops conducted in Jerilderie on 04.03.2020 – 14 participants – generally supportive feedback</p> <p>2020 Budget = \$250,000</p> <p>YTD Expenditure = \$216,000</p>
Position – Grades and Steps	HR and WH&S Advisor review of draft document returned to General Manager

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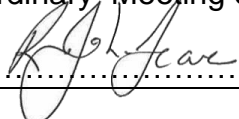
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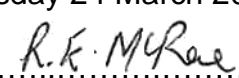
Emma Bryce	Request from Emma to return on a part time basis – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays approved and finalised – casual employee sourced to bridge days and activities as required – Cleaners reporting to Finance Manager
Grievance	Grievance lodged by employee – given nature of grievance, external party engaged to investigate. Investigation report received early March – grievance resolved but could receive correspondence from USU - two other matters have arisen from the investigation and are being pursued separately from the original grievance – both matters remain open at this time
LGNSW Local Government (State) Award 2017 Interpretation Workshop	HR Representative and two Payroll Officers attended workshop in Berrigan on 25.02.2020.
Apprentices	12.02.2020 - Two apprentices signed on to formal training agreement, apprentice network and commenced enrolment at Griffith campus of TAFE NSW

Media and Communications:

Description	Comment
Preparing and distributing E-Newsletter (monthly)	February issue Compiling stories and monitoring all grants that are available. February analytics: 101 recipients, 61% open rate, 17% click through rate
Preparing and distributing community newsletter (bi-monthly)	Writing, design and coordinating print and distribution of Feb-March issue
Preparing and distributing staff newsletter (monthly)	February issue
Preparing and distributing media releases and liaison with the media. Monitoring of media	1 x media release Input for 'Just Jerilderie', SRN February analytics: 5 mentions, 1 dedicated article and 1 para (all positive)
Co-ordinating communications campaign for Council activities	Apprentice sign-up Youth Week bus trip Seniors Week function International Women's Day luncheon
Preparing Council's digital artwork (promoting activities and initiatives)	3 x social media tiles
Co-ordinating Council's online presence (social media), including Council announcements and positions vacant and also promoting community events and announcements. This includes Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.	Facebook analytics: An average of 2 posts per day, 21 new likes in February (1,188) 3,274 engaged users. Organic reach of 27,126 people. Instagram: 238 followers, 74% female, 83% aged 25-54.

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Co-ordinating Council's online presence (website), including improvements, administration and maintenance	Ongoing – continual process of updating, reviewing and adding new material.
Advertisements	February Mayoral Message Other Council advertisements
Grant applications	MDB grant application
Community issues and questions	Responding to messages received on Council's social media channels.
Assisting with tourism promotion	1 x ad Brief for tourism photos
Attending formal meetings	1 x Strategic Planning workshop 2 x Management Group 1 x Council Meeting
Administrative functions	Reviewing Position Description
Staff training	Staff induction

6. Movements

Friday 3 to Tuesday 14 April 2020 – Annual Leave (query on dates)

Friday 17 April 2020 – RAMJO General Managers' Meeting – Jerilderie

Wednesday 13 May 2020 – RAMJO Board Meeting – Albury

Thursday 14 May 2020 – Traffic Committee – Darlington Point

Friday 15 May – Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting – venue to be confirmed

Thursday 28 May 2020 – LGNSW Employment Law Seminar – Sydney (Cancelled my attendance)

Saturday 13 to Thursday 18 June 2020 – ALGA National General Assembly – Canberra (Make call on this by early May 2020)

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

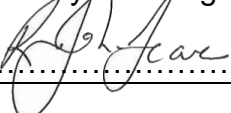
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INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our leadership – looking to our Future

5.1. Demonstrating Transparent Leadership Through Accountability and Community Representation

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

N/A

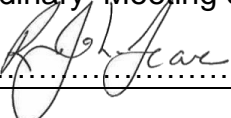
OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 1: Coleambally Sports Precinct Plans

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ITEM NO. 4 – DA1-2020 – BEEF CATTLE FEEDLOT

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	17 March 2020
Author:	Consultant Town Planner
File #:	DA 1-2020
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to consider Development Application 1-2020 for beef cattle feedlot with a capacity of 7680 head of cattle.

The applicant, Beefcorp Farms Pty Ltd, is seeking development consent for the following:

- 91 feeding pens, each with a capacity of 80 head of cattle (7280);
- 10 feeding pens, each with a capacity of 40 head of cattle (400);
- Hospital pens with shade will be included, enabling more intense animal husbandry practices and better management of any sick animals.

The landholding comprises of “*Palm Grove*” (Lots 1-3 DP 120110 and Lot 1 DP 393315) and “*Oak Park*” (Lots 12, 35 & 108 DP 756391), and aggregated has a total land area of approximately 775 hectares. The feedlot is generally confined to Lot 1 DP 120110.

The application falls within the category of designated development and integrated development due to the capacity of the feedlot. As part of Council's statutory obligations, details of the Development Application were referred to a number of Government agencies.

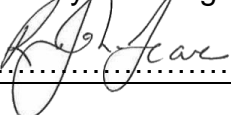
The development has been assessed with regard to the matters for consideration set out in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979. The evaluation of the development is set out in Attachment # 2 and it concludes that the proposed development has merit.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- (a) Murrumbidgee Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to Development Application No: DA1-2020 for *intensive livestock agriculture* comprising a feedlot with a capacity for 7680 head of cattle at**

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- Lots 1-3 DP 120110 and Lot 1 DP 393315, 587 Rolfe Rd, Logie Brae subject to the conditions set out in Attachment # 3; and
- (b) The Development Application be delegated to the Manager, Planning & Environment for issue of the notice of determination.

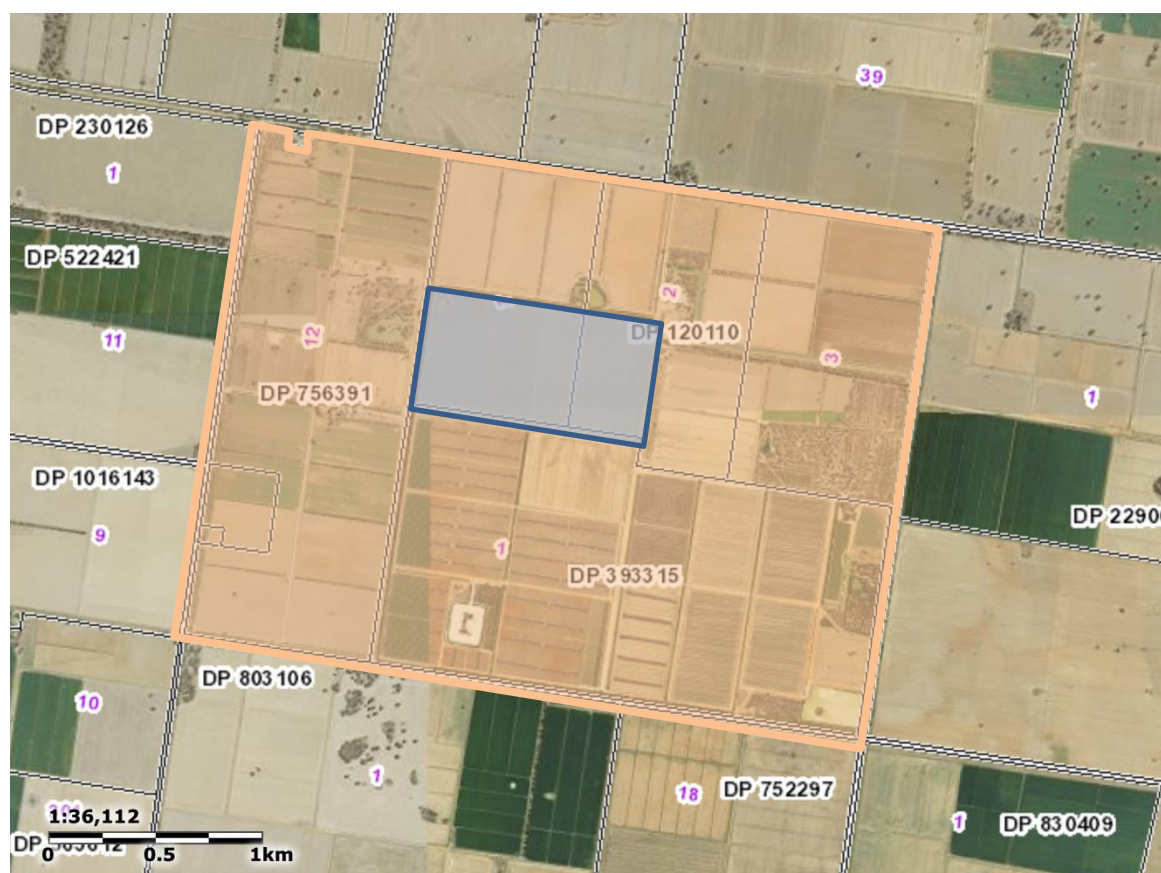
BACKGROUND

A Development Application from Beefcorp Farms Pty Ltd was received by Murrumbidgee Council seeking development consent for a cattle feedlot involving the following works:

- 91 feeding pens, each with a capacity of 80 head of cattle (7280);
- 10 feeding pens, each with a capacity of 40 head of cattle (400);
- Hospital pens with shade will be included, enabling more intense animal husbandry practices and better management of any sick animals.

The landholding comprises of “*Palm Grove*” (Lots 1-3 DP 120110 and Lot 1 DP 393315) and “*Oak Park*” (Lots 12, 35 & 108 DP 756391), and aggregated has a total land area of approximately 775 hectares. The feedlot is generally confined to Lot 1 DP 120110 highlighted in Figure A.

Figure A: Locality Plan



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[Signature] General Manager *[Signature]* Mayor

The Development Application was placed on exhibition from 13 January 2020 and ending 13 February 2020, in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000. No objections were received.

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979

The Development Application has been evaluated in accordance with the provisions of section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979*. The full evaluation is provided in Attachment # 2 and can be summarised as follows:

- a) *Intensive livestock agriculture* is a type of development that is permissible within the R1 Primary Production zone under Jerilderie Local Environmental Plan 2012 and is consistent with the aims, objectives and special provisions of that Environmental Planning Instrument;
- b) Assessment of the proposed development has taken into consideration the relevant provisions set down in *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2008*, *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019* and is deemed satisfactory;
- c) The proposed development is considered satisfactory with regard to performance outcomes and acceptable solutions set down in Jerilderie Development Control Plan;
- d) The proposed development is unlikely to have any unreasonable impact on the environment and, where an adverse impact has been identified, appropriate conditions have been imposed to mitigate the effects;
- e) The subject site is suitable for the proposed development;
- f) The proposed development does not raise any matter contrary to the public interest.

The assessment of the application indicates that the proposed feedlot has merit and warrants approval.

FINANCIAL

The current project has no immediate financial implications for Council.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Community Strategic Plan

The following themes of the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 apply in this instance:

Environment

The following strategy is contained under the theme of 'Environment' and is considered relevant to the proposed development.

- Maintaining a balance between growth, development and environmental protection.

The proposed development is considered to be a sustainable land use, and one that would not have a detrimental impact on the environment, subject to proper ongoing management of the facility.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 ensure that all foreseeable risks are reviewed as part of the assessment process for any application. In this instance there are no foreseeable risks.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Internal Referrals

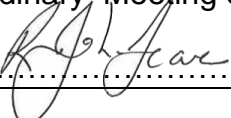
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External Referrals

As part of Council's statutory obligation, the application was referred to the following agencies:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority on the basis that the proposed development triggered the thresholds for an Environmental Protection Licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997 and was classified as integrated development. The EPA have raised no objections to the development and have provided their general terms of approval set out in Attachment # 4.
- Transport for NSW – Roads and Maritime Services raise no issues with the proposed development and their recommendations are set out in Attachment # 5.
- Water NSW advises any extraction of water is to be in accordance with the landowner's existing approval (see Attachment # 6).

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- Murray Irrigation has no objection to the proposed development (see Attachment # 7).
- Murray Local Land Services, in their response (Attachment # 8), advise that matters relating to the removal of vegetation will be addressed by Council. This matter has been addressed in the detailed assessment.
- The Department of Primary Industries, in their initial review of the application, (Attachment # 9) raised concerns regarding the supply of stock water and biosecurity, however this was subsequently addressed by the applicant to the satisfaction of the DPI warranting no specific conditions to be imposed.
- The Biodiversity Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has statutory responsibilities relating to biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats), Aboriginal cultural heritage and flooding. They advise that there will not be a significant impact on biodiversity nor on Aboriginal cultural heritage. Their recommendations set out in Attachment # 10 have been incorporated as conditions of consent.
- The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands advised that they have no objections to the proposed development (see Attachment # 11).

Public Notification

The proposed development was notified in accordance with legislative requirements, which include letters to nearby property owners, advertisement, site notice and publication on Council's website –no submissions were received.

The neighbour notification also included advising Berrigan Shire Council, being the adjoining Local Government Area. Their response in Attachment # 12 raises no objections to the development.

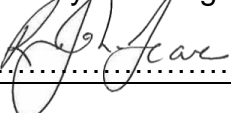

OPTIONS

1. As per the recommendation
2. Any other recommendations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment # 2:	Section 4.15 Assessment Report
Attachment # 3:	Recommended conditions of consent
Attachment # 4:	General Terms of Approval from NSW EPA
Attachment # 5:	Recommended conditions for TfNSW RMS
Attachment # 6:	Advice from Water NSW
Attachment # 7:	Response from Murray Irrigation
Attachment # 8:	Response from Murray LLS
Attachment # 9:	Response from NSW DPI
Attachment # 10:	Conditions from NSW DPIE – Biodiversity Conservation Division
Attachment # 11:	Response from NSW DPIE – Crown Lands
Attachment # 12:	Response from Berrigan Shire Council

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM NO. 5 - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	13 February 2020
Author:	Traffic Committee Secretary
File #:	SC20
Approval:	General Manager

Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Darlington Point

In Attendance: Cr Gaila Smith, Mr John Scarce General Manager, Mr William Wade, Operations Manager, Mr Ian Girdwood (representing Justin Clancy, MP, Member for Albury), Sgt Jason Hinson, Mr Shaun Gras (representing Helen Dalton, MP, Member for Murray), Mr Michael Buckley Transport for NSW, Cr Pat Brown.

Apologies: Cr Robert Black (Chair), Cr Ruth McRae, Mr Johann Pereira, Operations Manager, Mr Stephen Goodsall, Asset Manager, Mr Greg Mineham Transport for NSW

Agenda Items:

1. Darlington Point Swimming Pool Carpark:

The swimming pool car park has been patched. New signage stating "Car Parking Only" to be installed after the close of current pool season.

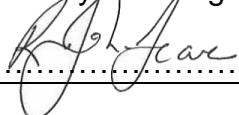
2. Powell Street, Jerilderie:

Transport for NSW to review Powell Street, Jerilderie and provide a range of options to address heavy vehicles, weight restrictions, caravan parking and access to the Newell Highway.

3. Britts Road, Darlington Point Speed Zone Review:

The sealed section of Britts Road, Darlington Point is to be extended. RMS will be requested to conduct a speed zone review once works are complete. This is expected to be completed in March.

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4. General Business

1. Council is currently working with Transport for NSW to repair the defects on the approaches to the Darlington Point bridges. A geotechnical investigation is currently being carried out on the site.
2. Willbriggie Bridge realignment – Transport for NSW currently no timeframe for these works.
3. Transport for NSW has been requested to review the 110km/h zone out of Jerilderie and what other options are available to improve safety for this area.
4. Newell Highway Taskforce – The Taskforce has commented on the safety of the intersection of the Newell Highway and the Kidman Way. Safety improvements that should be investigated include sight distance, deceleration lanes, vegetation control as a minimum.

5. Next Meeting – Thursday 14 May 2020, Darlington Point Chambers

Meeting Closure:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:25am.

ITEM NO. 6 – MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	2 March 2020
Author:	Australia Day Committee Secretary
File #:	SC5
Approval:	Australia Day Committee

Present –Dean Knight, Rhonda Bryce, Raylene Slade (Workplace Health and Safety Officer Murrumbidgee Council) Joan and Laurie Blackmore, Joy Knight, Kevin A'vard, Faith Bryce, Maree and Peter Keating, Ruth McRae.

Apologies - Nil

Moved Joy Knight, seconded Faith Bryce that the apologies be accepted. CARRIED

Minutes of last Meeting

Moved Ruth McRae, seconded Joy Knight that the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes of last Meeting

The Wednesday Group, who received the Australia day awards this year, wrote personal letters of thanks to the committee.

Joan received an invoice for the band.

Incoming Correspondence

Jerilderie Sports Club-re monthly Raffle-Committee decided to decline the offer. Rhonda to write a reply.

Outwards Correspondence

Thankyous to:

CWA, Apex, Lions, Tidy Towns, Murrumbidgee Council, IGA, Julie Conn, Suey Ham, Rorato Family, Bobbie Furletti, Jack Burns, Carmen Lawton, Sarah and Neville Ham.

Moved Faith, seconded Kevin that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted CARRIED

Treasurers Report

\$14 134.90 balance

Moved Joy Knight, seconded Kevin A'vard that we buy a defibrillator to be attached to the outside of the shed. CARRIED

Raylene Slade will look into getting one via a grant in the first instance.

Moved Joan Blackmore, seconded Ruth McRae that the treasurer 's report be accepted. CARRIED

General Business

-Raylene spoke about how much she enjoyed the event and what a good job the committee has done.


-Discussed the need for first aid training- 3members of committee have first aid training but it was felt that the community would like the possibility of training.

- Joy wanted to make the committee aware that the Hospital Auxiliary and MND organising group gets a sheet of tickets and the spinning wheel each year from our committee.

-Ruth informed us that the sound shell would not be built at Luke Park as there are more important priorities in our local community at this time.

-Discussion around the difficulty of negotiating the steps onto the truck to present the Australia Day Awards. Ruth and Dean are always mindful of this and make sure they warn and support people while using the steps.

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- Consider using the small Race Stage, used for fashions on the field at the races, and placing it in front of the truck for easy and safer access. Rhonda to write a letter to the Race club (President-Des McRae) asking if we can borrow it for our event.

-Laurie Blackmore moved that we have \$200 IGA voucher as first prize, \$100 IGA voucher as second prize and \$50 IGA voucher as third prize for our next Australia Day Raffle. Seconded Joan Blackmore. Joy will negotiate this with IGA. CARRIED

-BBQ needs to be checked for wasps. Rhonda to add to the action register.

This year Rhonda contacted the police ambulance and fire brigade prior to the event and added it to the register.

-Dean said we have cords going across the path area near the BBQ and drinks area at the shed. We need correct mats to go over these cords to stop tripping.

Raylene can source some through council - she may find some sales- Raylene will find some quotes and get back to us.

The committee decided that Dean and Rhonda to make a decision about purchasing these.

-Dean to speak to Paul Marshall after 2020 AGM re cost of fireworks and to consider the need to spend more money. Dean also to discuss with him about getting his paper work done early.

Meeting closed- 8.50

Next Meeting-October/November 2020

Australia Day 2020 Preliminary Report

2020

2019

Raffle

Takings: 1 st Street stall	\$ 538.35			
2 nd Street stall	\$ 396.45			
3 rd Street stall	\$ 173.00			
On the night	\$ 898.15	\$2,005.95		
Less: Cost of Vouchers & tickets		\$ (103.80)	\$1,902.15	\$ 2,074.55

Novelties

Takings		\$ 740.30		
Less: Cost of fluros		\$ (300.00)	\$ 440.30	\$ 447.30

CWA

Takings		\$ 59.50	\$ 59.50	\$ 6.00
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BBQ

Takings		\$2,196.00		
Plus: Sale of left over sausages, meat etc.		149.77		
Less: Serviettes, sauce, etc	\$ 25.77			
Onions (donated by Geoff & Suey)	0.00			
Bread & rolls	\$ 137.40			
K & A Account	\$ 618.15			
Sausages	\$ 99.00			
Coleslaw	\$ 18.47	\$ (898.79)	\$ 1,446.98	\$ 1,145.90

Spinning Wheel

Takings		\$ 1,662.30		
Less: Prizes (actual)	\$ 303.90			
Spinning Wheel Tickets	\$ 18.00	\$ (321.90)	\$ 1,340.40	\$ 1,236.06

Drinks

Takings		\$ 719.30		
Plus: Sale of left over drinks		\$ 55.50		
Less: Drinks	\$ 247.55			
Ice (donated by Rhonda)	0.00	\$ (247.55)	\$ 527.25	\$ 622.92

Donations – John Byrnes	\$ 100.00			
Geoff Ham's duck shooters	\$ 20.00		\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00

\$ 5,836.58 \$ 5,683.13

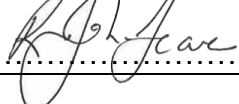
Less other expenses:

Cost of Fireworks		\$5,000.00		\$ 5,535.50
Profit/(Loss)		= \$ 836.58		\$ 147.63

These figures are for the night only, do not include bank interest or fees etc.

Cost of the band has been covered by a grant from Aust. Gov. Drought Community Funding

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JERILDERIE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE

Financial Statement 28th October, 2019 to 2nd March, 2020

Funds held as at 28th October 2019

Bendigo Bank Cheque Account	\$ 3,130.07
Term Deposit	10,000.00
Balance still in ANZ account	<u>.12</u>
	\$ 13,130.19

Receipts to 2nd March, 2020

Australia Day takings	\$6,305.15	
Interest on TD	172.62	
Donation: (J. Byrnes)	100.00	
Donation: Geoff Ham's duck shooters	20.00	
Sale of left overs:		
Bobby Furletti	\$ 15.00	
Jerilderie Football Club	187.27	202.27
Murrumbidgee Council – Drought funding for band	500.00	<u>\$ 7,300.04</u>
		\$20,430.23

Expenditure to 2nd March, 2020

Jerilderie IGA (drinks, sauce, coleslaw ingredients, serviettes & half raffle)	373.28	
East End Welding (spinning wheel prizes)	130.00	
K & A (BBQ & chip stuff)	618.15	
Jerilderie Pharmacy (spinning wheel prizes)	44.95	
Australia Post (spinning wheel prizes)	73.95	
Jerilderie Newsagency (spinning wheel prizes)	55.00	
Murrumbidgee Council (Fireworks)	5,000.00	<u>\$ 6,295.33</u>
		\$14,134.90

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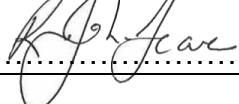
Cheque account Balance as at 2 nd March, 2020	\$ 4,134.78
Balance still in ANZ account	<u>.12</u>
Term Deposit	\$10,000.00

\$ 14,134.90

The following payments were made in cash prior to banking the night's takings:

Laurie Blackmore (drinks purchased at Coles)	20.00
Maria Keating (bread, rolls & sausages)	236.40
Hilary Knight (glo products)	300.00
Joan Blackmore (spinning wheel & raffle tickets)	21.80
Ray McCartney - band	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 1,078.30

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ITEM NO. 7 - NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	11 February 2020
Author:	Secretary, Newell Highway Task Force Committee
File #:	SC12
Approval:	Newell Highway Task Force Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Murrumbidgee Council Chambers, Jerilderie
Minutes recorded by Julie Conn, Murrumbidgee Council

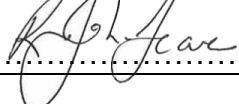
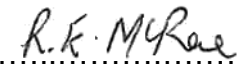
Attendees:

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Committee Chair)	Mayor Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Cr Denis Todd	Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council
Richard Jane	Director Engineering Forbes Shire Council
Merran Socha	Berrigan Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
John Morris	National Roads Co-ordinator Dubbo
Cr Robert Black	Deputy Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
John Scarce	General Manager Murrumbidgee Council
Barry Heins	Works Manager Narrandera Shire Council
Alistair Lunn	Transport for NSW
Robyn Legg	General Manager, NSW, Assurance, Sub Programs and SA, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. (dialling in)
Rowan Holt	Dept of Infrastructure (dialling in with Robyn Legg)

Apologies

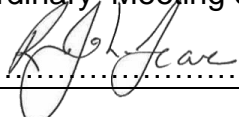
Name	Organisation
Mick Savage	Roads & Transport Directorate Manager
Jim Betts	INSW
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains Shire Council
Lila Fisher	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Mayor Moree Plains Shire Council
Kevin Anderson MP -	Electorate Office Tamworth
Peter Dale	Narrandera Shire Council
Neville Kschenka	Mayor Narrandera Shire Council

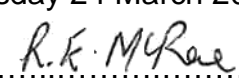
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Michael Cain Roads Services Manager	Narrabri Shire Council
Warren	National Roads
Hon Michael McCormack	Deputy Prime Minister Federal Government
Scott Morrison PM	Prime Minister of Australia
Sarah Nattey	Director, South East Infrastructure Investment Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor Murrumbidgee Council
Andrew Gee MP	Member for Calare
Steph Cooke MP	Parliamentary Secretary to The Deputy Premier
Will Marsh	Bland Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor Narromine Shire Council
Merran Socha	Berrigan Shire Council
Phillip Donato MP	Member for Orange
Cr Phyliss Miller	Mayor Forbes Shire Council
Cr Steven Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Council
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
John Graham	Shadow Minister for Roads member of Legislative Council
James Simmons	NRMA
Shahab Khaled	Weddin Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager Bland Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Dubbo Regional Council
David Tinlin	Acting Director Engineering Forbes Shire Council
Leanne Stacey	DPIE
Kevin Anderson MP	Electorate Office Tamworth
Steph Cooke MP	Nationals Cootamundra
Marina Uys	Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	Gilgandra Shire Council
Michael Cain Acting Roads Services Manager	Narrabri Shire Council
Ray Smith	Bland Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Dubbo Regional Council
Darren Raeck - Director of Infrastructure	Narrabri Shire Council
Dane Hendry	RMS
Alistair Lunn	RMS
Shane Wilson	Narrandera Shire Council
Carolyn Marchant	Narromine Council
Deena Murphy	Moree Plains Shire Council
Kathleen Mann	Transport NSW
Rhiannon Wier	National Roads (maternity leave)
Steph Cooke	Member for Cootamundra
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Ben Shields	Mayor Dubbo Regional Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council

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1. Welcome

Welcome by Councillor Ken Keith OAM, Committee Chair.

Councillor Keith introduced Councillor Robert Black, Murrumbidgee Council.

Councillor Black welcomed the Committee to Jerilderie, and commenced with a Welcome to Country.

Councillor Black spoke about the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area, and the creation of Council through the amalgamation of Murrumbidgee Shire and Jerilderie Shire Councils in 2016.

2. Apologies

Apologies were called. See detailed list.

Resolution

That the apologies be received and noted.

Moved: Tony Lord Seconded: Doug Batten

All in favour

Carried

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting 11 November 2019

Recommendation

That the minutes of the NHTF Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting held on the 11 November 2019 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted

Moved: Tony Lord Seconded: Doug Batten

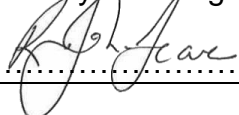
All in favour

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Update on the overtaking lanes contract. This item will be discussed with Alistair Lunn, Transport for NSW later in the meeting.

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Recommendation

The matters be received and noted.

Resolution

The recommendation be adopted.

Moved: Denis Todd **Seconded:** Robert Black
All in favour

Carried

4. Outwards Correspondence

4.1- Email from Jayne Bleechmore Newell Highway Program Alliance (NHPA) dated 09 December 2019 explaining that the NHPA will be starting work for overtaking lane at Telescope north of Parkes, Newell Highway from 9 December 2019.

4.2 – NHTF Media Release from meeting 11 November 2019.

Recommendation

That the outwards correspondence be received and noted.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: Tony Lord **Seconded:** Richard Jane

All in favour

Carried

5. Inwards Correspondence

5.1 NIL

6. Transport for NSW Update

Alistair Lunn, Acting Director, West, Transport for NSW joined the meeting via teleconference.

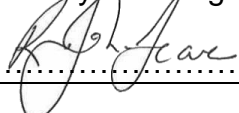
Alistair provided an update on the rebranding of Roads & Maritime Services as Transport for NSW (TfNSW), effective from 1 December 2019.

TfNSW is currently in the process of filling the new structure.

Carolyn Nelson has been appointed as TfNSW Deputy, to commence her role in March.

Executive Director positions were recently advertised and have closed. Once these positions have been filled, recruitment for the Director vacancies (for each region) will commence.

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Restructuring of the business below the Deputy Secretary will be undertaken. TfNSW is going from a 5 region model to a 3 region model. Region South will still manage the bottom half of the Newell Highway from Bland Shire to the south. West will be managing the Newell Highway from Forbes Shire north to Goondiwindi.

The 3 regions in the new model are -North (Central Coast, New England, etc up to Tweed Heads); South - Wollongong, down to Bega, Wagga Wagga, ACT, Narrandera, Hay; and West - edge of Blue Mountains, Broken Hill and up to Goondiwindi.

There is also a Greater Sydney Region.

- Major works being undertaken on the Newell Highway (since last meeting): – no major milestones achieved. Secured an extra \$75 million Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla project. Progressing well.
- Heavy duty pavements around Narrabri to Moree-finalising details at moment. Looking to secure funding.
- Coonabarabran by-pass – currently engaging with business and community members, to complete a social and economic study. Also, a review of environmental factors needs to be undertaken.
- Newell Highway- REF and consultation reports, Parkes bypass and new Dubbo Bridge.
- Overtaking Lane alliance – 5 overtaking lanes completed, with 6 under construction. 11 will be built this financial year. Progress is good.
- Procurement- started doing community drop in sessions in communities where overtaking lanes are being built. They have proved to be a good initiative. Local engagement is essential. There is a need to benefit businesses and Councils in the LG areas.
- Tocumwal uncoupling area for road trains – land which was earmarked for this project has now been taken up for another purpose. Progress is very slow, but is planned for action.
- Design for West Wyalong to Forbes flood money - flood studies will be undertaken, including engagement with community. This to occur in first half of this year.
- Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) funding might be spent along Newell Highway. Minister Mark Coulton has meetings:
 - Friday 14 February in Narrandera
 - Monday 17 February at Gilgandra
 - Wednesday 19 February at Parkes
 - Friday 21 February at Narrabri
 - TfNSW to follow up their invitation to attend meetings
 - Joint Organisations have been involved in the distribution of invitations to these meetings
- Inland Rail - Will there be traffic overpasses, particularly at critical locations. What is the position of TfNSW on this matter? Alistair advised TfNSW is working with ARTC on the inland rail project. The main focus is on new crossings in the Narrabri/Narromine link. Conscious of the impacts to traffic flow on the

Forbes/Parkes leg of the Newell Highway. Keen to see the Titchman rail crossing grade separated.

- Narrabri/Narromine link has 5 state highways in this area. Currently working through Government Ministers regarding 5 x rail crossing grade separations.
- Dubbo Regional Council to oppose Riverstreet Bridge. Seeking a freight bypass around Dubbo.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: John Morris **Seconded:** Denis Todd

All in favour

Carried

10.33am Alistair Lunn departed the meeting.

7. Robyn Legg General Manager General Manager, NSW, Assurance, Sub Programs and SA, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (in company with Rowan Holt)

Chair Ken Keith welcomed Robyn Legg and Rowan Holt.

Robyn introduced herself to the meeting, and provided a brief overview of her position. New Department name. No other major changes at this stage. In the infrastructure space, no change at this stage.

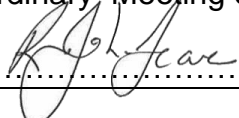
Brief discussion on Oliver Holm's presentation on the Newell Highway Strategy. It is on the website. Newell Highway is a very important road and this is a very important Strategy. The Strategy forms a plan for investment over the next 10 years.

A number of projects are already well underway. Robyn spoke about the Parkes by-pass; work on Mungle Back Creek and pavement upgrades, and also mentioned they were working to identify a number of other projects.

Attention was drawn to Roads of Significant Importance (ROSI) funding. Minister Coulton and the Prime Minister want an holistic approach to the Newell Highway corridor. Regional consultation meetings will be held. It is hoped Minister Coulton will be in attendance:

- Friday 14 February in Narrandera
- Monday 17 February at Gilgandra

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- Wednesday 19 February at Parkes
- Friday 21 February at Narrabri

This will provide Councils with an opportunity to raise the issue of inland rail crossings grade separation. However, there may not be any members of the Inland Rail in attendance.

Rowan Holt advised he is happy to take questions via email and pass on to the Inland Rail team. Email: rowan.holt@infrastructure.gov.au

No further questions for Robyn and Rowan.

Action: Members to ensure all their Newell Highway networks are informed of the upcoming regional consultation meetings.

10.45am Robyn and Rowan departed the meeting.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

Resolution

That the information be received and noted

Moved: John Scarce **Seconded:** John Morris

All in favour

Carried

8. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

The last meeting of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee was held on 26 November 2019 at Gilgandra, the minutes of which are attached.

There is currently a survey being distributed by Parkes Council seeking support from Councils for the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.

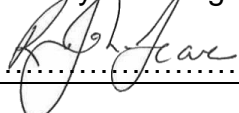
Berrigan Shire and Murrumbidgee Council advised of the difficulties of small Councils providing financial support for several organisations.

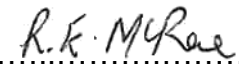
A suggestion that each Council on the Newell Highway be party to an agreement which requires an annual financial contribution and employs a Marketing Officer. There may be the potential to have an employee who supports more than one regional/highway promotion ie Newell Highway/Kidman Way/Sturt Highway etc. Financial support may also be available through Destination NSW.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted, and the NHTF write to Councils encouraging them to support the Newell Highway Promotions Committee through an annual financial contribution, which would be used to promote the Newell

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Highway and employ a Marketing Officer. Also to approach Destination NSW for assistance with funding.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved: John Morris **Seconded:** Doug Batten

All in favour

Carried

9. General Business

- 9.1** On Monday 18 February Central NSW Joint Organisation Strategic Transport Group will hold their meeting at Parkes Shire Council to discuss Newell Highway and feeder. (This matter was discussed in conversation with both Alistair Lunn and Robyn Legg).
Invitations were distributed by ROC's. Some NHTF members were unaware meetings were being held.

NOTED

- 9.2** Write to ARTC seeking grade separation on any State or Federal Highway at an intersection with the inland rail. Business case needs to be undertaken on which are critical ones, and planning needs to be carried out now. Copies of these letters are to be provided to the Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Premier.

Recommendation

A letter be sent to ARTC seeking grade separation on any State or Federal Highway at an intersection with the inland rail, noting that a business case needs to be undertaken on which are critical ones, and planning needs to be carried out now. Copies of these letters are to be provided to the Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Premier.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted

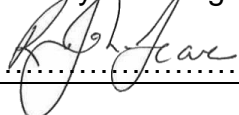
Moved: Doug Batten **Seconded:** John Morris

All in favour

Carried

- 9.3** Dubbo Regional Council are seeking letters of support for a freight bypass for Dubbo. Dubbo is undertaking a business case to support bypass.
River Street Bridge Dubbo – This proposal lacks community support.

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Recommendation

Letter to Minister Toole (copy Constance) advising the aim of the Newell Highway Task Force Committee is fluent traffic movements up and down the Newell Highway, including the bypass of major centres. A copy of this letter to be provided to Dubbo City Council.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Doug Batten **Seconded** John Morris

All in favour

Carried

9.4 Newell Highway Program Alliance – this provides consultation between TfNSW, contractors and Councils.

Recommendation

NHTF to extend an invitation to Jayne Bleechmore of the Newell Highway Program Alliance to attend an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved John Morris **Seconded** Tony Lord

All in favour

Carried

Future planning will see trucks travelling east west through Tocumwal towards Barooga diverted away from the town area. ROSI funding may be applicable in this instance.

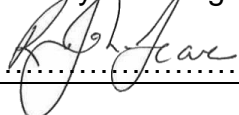
10. Future Meeting Dates and Venues

The next Newell Highway Taskforce Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2020 in Parliament House, Sydney (**to be confirmed**).

11. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.30am. Cr Keith thanked those in attendance. Attendees shared a light luncheon provided by Murrumbidgee Council.

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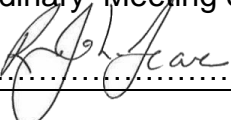
Infrastructure Priority List

Project and Initiative Summaries



A prioritised
list of nationally
significant
infrastructure
needs

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Priority Initiatives

Newell Highway upgrade

Location
NSW section of
Melbourne–Brisbane
inland route



Geography
Smaller cities and regional centres

Category
National Connectivity

Problem timeframe
Near term (0–5 years)

Proponent
NSW Government

Date added to the IPL
February 2016



Problem

The Newell Highway is part of the National Land Transport Network. It is the principal inter-capital freight route between Melbourne and Brisbane, and is a critical link for regional producers in central and western New South Wales. Freight movements on the corridor are expected to grow strongly, supported by robust population growth in both Melbourne and Brisbane.

The efficiency of the route is constrained by localised congestion and flooding, deteriorating pavement and a lack of overtaking opportunities. Road alignment in several sections is also unsuitable for some High Productivity Vehicles.

These factors constrain freight productivity by increasing travel times and the number of vehicle journeys required, as well as reducing freight reliability.

Proposed initiative

The initiative seeks to improve several sections of the highway to support safe High Productivity Vehicle access, and improve safety and reliability.

The initiative will also consider first/last mile issues faced by High Productivity Vehicle operators in the corridor.

Realignment of a 6.5 km section of the highway at Trawilga was completed in February 2018.

Construction commenced on heavy duty pavement south of Boggabilla in late 2018. Construction has also commenced on a program to deliver around 30 overtaking lanes.

Planning has commenced for a range of further works:

- bypasses of Parkes and Coonabarabran
- heavy duty pavement provision (North Moree, Narrabri to Moree)
- road widening (Boggabilla to Goondiwindi and Coonabarabran to Narrabri)
- upgrade of intersection with Mitchell Highway at Dubbo
- new Dubbo Bridge and realignment
- improved flood immunity.

The NSW Government completed the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy in June 2019 and is progressively developing business cases for each element of this initiative.

Next steps

Proponent to complete business case development (Stage 3 of Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework).

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Dugald Saunders MP

MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

MEDIA RELEASE



Wednesday, 19 February 2020

NEW BRIDGE TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR DUBBO

The new high-level crossing of the Macquarie River at River Street will deliver improved safety, better access and keep communities connected during flood events, with the Submissions Report and refined design now released.

Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders said there had been a number of changes to the design following community consultation to ensure the project responded to the needs of the local community.

"After carefully considering and responding to every one of the 310 submissions from the community consultation on the New Dubbo Bridge project, we have refined the design," Mr Saunders said.

"We've increased the speed limit, introduced a dedicated northbound slip lane onto Bourke Street and improved pedestrian and cycle safety."

Mr Saunders said the new bridge would support local emergency services and local businesses during natural disasters.

"The new Dubbo Bridge is primarily about keeping our community connected during a one in 50 year flood event, but would also support everyday motorists by providing a third river crossing to the north of the CBD," Mr Saunders said.

"In 2010, we saw our local community essentially cut in half, with emergency services unable to quickly and easily get across town, leaving people stranded during the times they needed help the most."

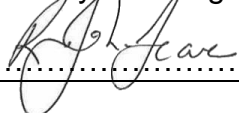
Dubbo Chamber of Commerce president Matt Wright said the bridge would help avoid situations similar to the 2010 Macquarie River flood, which resulted in millions being ripped out of the Dubbo business community.

"We can't afford to have that situation arise again. While Macquarie Street businesses were impacted by the floodwaters, people avoided the wider CBD simply because it was too hard to access," Mr Wright said.

"Having a second crossing close to town at River Street, which will allow people to come back into the business precinct in times of flood and provides better access to the growing North Dubbo area, is something the Chamber supports."

MEDIA: Ben Walker | 0402 593 627

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 8 - MONTHLY CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	5 March 2020
Author:	Finance Manager
File #:	SC133
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided on cash and investments as at 29 February 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the monthly Cash and Investment Report containing the bank balances and schedule of investments as at 29 February 2020.

BACKGROUND

Cash at Bank: Council's consolidated cash position (cash and investments) as at 29 February 2020 was \$28,248,409.48 with the cash at bank amount for the same period being \$978,496.03.

Investments: As at 29 February 2020, Council's total invested funds were \$27,269,913.45. Average interest rates over the reporting period were 1.47%. The bulk of Council's investments are held with Bendigo Bank (60.44%), IMB Ltd (15.10%) and ANZ (10.19%), in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Financial Management Regulations.

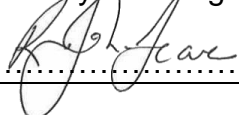
OFFICER COMMENT

I certify that:

- 1) the cash book was reconciled with the bank balance as shown by the bank statements as at 29 February 2020;
- 2) the investments have been invested in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's policies.

Vicki Sutton
Responsible Accounting Officer

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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines);
- Murrumbidgee Council Investment Policy.

INTEGRATED PLANS

5.1 Transparent Leadership, Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation:

Strategy 5.1.1

Provide leadership through ethical, accountable and legislative decision making processes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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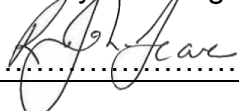
OPTIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

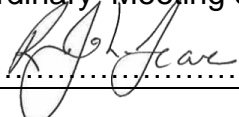
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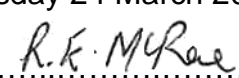
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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES	2019-20	2018-19
	Consolidated	Consolidated
CASH AT BANK 31 JANUARY 2020	381,541.47	224,014.41
ADD - Receipts - 28 February 2020	878,455.59	1,185,925.90
ADD - Receipts - Bendigo Bank	2,336,162.88	9,273,523.09
ADD - Cancelled	0.00	0.00
ADD - Adjustments	0.00	0.00
LESS - Cheques	-19,063.02	-5,762.34
LESS - EFT - Autopay	-2,251,208.18	-755,246.48
LESS - Payroll	-328,053.69	-363,140.62
LESS - Interbank Transfers	0.00	-51,949.17
LESS - Bank Charges & Transfers	-877.65	-676.14
LESS - Loan Repayments	-10,753.99	-10,753.99
LESS - Investments	0.00	-800,000.00
LESS - Visa Card Pymt	-3,288.53	-7,585.04
LESS - Fuel Card	-4,089.27	-864.05
LESS - Photocopy Rental	-329.58	-1,249.60
CASH AT BANK 29 FEBRUARY 2020	978,496.03	8,686,235.97
CASH AT BANK 29 FEBRUARY 2020	300,719.78	245,791.05
Bank Statements - Bendigo Bank	694,831.27	8,563,633.14
PLUS Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
LESS Unpresented Cheques	-16,131.02	-5,531.90
LESS Outstanding Autopay	-924.00	-117,656.32
LESS Reverse Autopay	0.00	0.00
CASH AT BANK 29 FEBRUARY 2020	978,496.03	8,686,235.97
Add Investments	27,269,913.45	22,734,815.28
Total Cash and Investments	28,248,409.48	31,421,051.25
Represented by:-		
Trust Account	159,522.86	202,703.39
Water Fund	2,316,835.97	1,895,288.20
Sewer Fund	4,122,397.85	3,211,484.46
Domestic Waste Management	73,804.00	90,505.06
Unexpended Grant Funds	1,495,642.40	2,555,967.58
Plant Reserve	1,884,585.00	1,422,374.00
Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve	1,468,000.00	1,210,000.00
Infrastructure Reserve	3,156,759.00	4,717,348.26
Residential Housing Reserve	0.00	0.00
Contributions Levy Reserve	375,450.00	0.00
New Council Implementation Fund	711,873.68	2,506,963.45
Stronger Communities Fund	10,928,855.99	12,570,394.21
General Fund	1,930,132.73	1,038,022.64

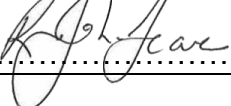
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS				
29 FEBRUARY 2020				
Institution	Amount	Rate	Matures	NO.
IMB Ltd	1,000,000.00	1.55%	05-Mar-20	16/20
St George	508,150.71	1.58%	11-Apr-20	20/20
Bendigo	1,057,655.89	1.45%	22-May-20	25/20
NAB	908,197.03	1.20%	28-Apr-20	18/20
NAB	504,076.29	1.47%	16-Mar-20	17/20
NAB	404,556.23	1.70%	27-Mar-20	11/20
St George	503,826.71	1.56%	03-May-20	24/20
IMB Ltd	507,201.47	1.55%	08-Apr-20	21/20
IMB Ltd	504,648.42	1.55%	16-Apr-20	22/20
ANZ-Les Wallis	45,622.02	1.25%	27-Mar-20	19/20
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	1.50%	02-Jun-20	23/20
IMB Ltd	606,702.45	1.55%	06-May-20	20
IMB Ltd	300,000.00	1.55%	12-May-20	21
IMB Ltd	300,000.00	1.55%	09-Apr-20	24
Bendigo	605,795.28	1.45%	10-Jun-20	26
Bendigo	804,418.63	1.55%	09-Jun-20	28
ANZ	1,113,420.20	1.50%	06-Apr-20	29
ANZ	811,973.19	1.40%	24-Mar-20	30
Bendigo	606,866.60	1.45%	16-Mar-20	35
IMB Ltd	400,000.00	1.50%	23-Apr-20	36
Bendigo	3,925,399.65	1.30%	16-Apr-20	38
ANZ	809,088.19	1.40%	23-May-20	39
Bendigo	2,300,000.00	1.50%	16-Aug-20	40
Bendigo	1,719,408.76	1.45%	16-Apr-20	42
IMB Ltd	500,000.00	1.50%	27-May-20	44
Bendigo	5,463,733.94	1.30%	16-Apr-20	45
Total Investments	27,269,913.45			
Average Interest Rates	2017/18	2.15%		
Average Interest Rates	2018/19	2.36%		
Average Interest Rates	2019/20	1.47%		
PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS HELD				
SUNCORP	1,059,171.79	3.88%		
ANZ	2,780,103.60	10.19%		
Bendigo	16,483,278.75	60.44%		
IMB Ltd	4,118,552.34	15.10%		
NAB	1,816,829.55	6.66%		
St George	1,011,977.42	3.71%		
TOTAL	27,269,913.45	100%		

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ITEM NO. 9 – MANAGER PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT– MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 11 March 2020
Author: Manager, Planning & Environment
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the Manager, Planning & Environment, along with specific action items being dealt with.

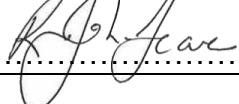
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Manager, Planning & Environment Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Period from 13 February to 17 March 2020	
Work related travel	1373 km
Meetings (Management)	1 x Management Group 3 x P & E Team
Meetings (other)	4 x Development (Heritage, Hall upgrade, Rivcott, Museum)
Inspections	10 x development site inspections, 1 x building inspection, 1 x museum works
Training & Professional Development	4 x Training: Handling challenging Conversations; Bounding construction – FRL Class 2 and 3 buildings, OHS Induction, BPB-corruption prevention accredited certifiers
Complaints	4 - Residential waste, public health, effluent disposal, road obstruction and stock on road reserve
Consultant engagement	Liaison re Feedlot, POM, Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019, Bushfire Attack Level, Farm Building, Dam, Subdivision, Structures, Class 7b Silos, Class 9 buildings, LSPS, LEP, Essential Services, Subdivision, Altina, Register of approved

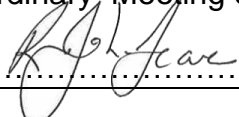
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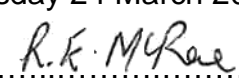
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	consultants, Landscape Masterplan incl signage
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	
Telephone advice and feedback	Noel Thomson Heritage, Essential Services, Peter Ware (Coleambally Lake), Nick Sher (feedlot), Richard Malone and Engineer (Uri Park - citrus netting structures), Peter Freeman (Toganmain), Warehouse, Steven Murray (Altina) s68 (solid fuel heaters), waste resource recovery, Radio GRM rollout, electricity works SEE, Pony Club, demolition and build, Penalty Infringement Notices (Revenue NSW). Advice re ventilation and drainage subfloor, boat ramp CEMP erosion mitigation tree removal
Report reviews	Steven Parisotto (feedlot), Gus Cox
Coleambally Lake	Discussion with Peter Ware, review of environmental assessment reports and Departmental guidelines for the threatened species - Weeping Myall Endangered Ecological Community. Clarifying development requirements (integrated, designated, regional- estimated CIV value), recommend seeking the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements to commence the project. Face to face meeting / discussions with Peter Ware organised
Administration and Management	File review of subdivision and development (Rivcott). Advertisement EoI Register of Approved Consultants; S68 approvals, public health (drinking water, OSSMS), land valuation. Advice on assessment of proposals, liaison with other Councils, regional network communications, neighbour notification, road closure, PBP(2019) and AS3959 review, trade waste, review historical approvals Rivcott, Wormtech, subdivision authority training requirements
Beautification project	Communications - Project brief - landscaping and urban design (incl public art) - Preliminary review of submissions, meetings with potential local contributors, follow up advice

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Kangaroo Culling	Communications with four kangaroo culling/harvesting operators; detailed discussions with Tim Saunders, receipt and review of public liability, insurances, referees and previous operational plans, arrangements for inspections of Council land at Coleambally; direction for site inspection to estimate kangaroo populations and, if necessary, proceed with permit applications with National Parks and Wildlife Service to cull kangaroos to reduce the population, pending receipt of invoice and submission to undertake the work.
Legal advice	Certificate of Authority, sale of land
Assessment and Approvals	DA-CC dwelling, farm structure, office
Land Use – Seniors Housing	25-27 Southey Street, Jerilderie - Follow up

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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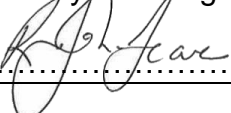
OPTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 10 – FINANCE MANAGERS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
 Report Date: 5 March 2020
 Author: Finance Manager
 File #: SC218
 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Finance Manager during February 2020.

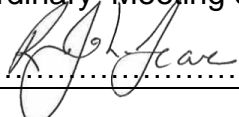
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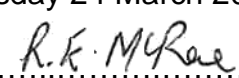
The information contained in the Finance Manager's Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Description	Action
Meetings	2 x Management Group
	1 x Council
	1 x Civica Authority Implementation
	1 x RAMJO Digital Group
	2 x Auditors Finalisation and Audit Plan
	1 x Councillor/Staff Workshop
	1 x Audit Risk & Improvement Committee
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Monthly Cash & Investments
	Loan Borrowings
	Rates & Charges Collection
	SCF quarterly report
	NCIF quarterly report
	Quarterly Budget Review
Preparation of financial data	Monthly grant expenditure reviews
	Transport for NSW monthly grant expenditure report
	Provide 6 monthly reviews for NCIF and SCF to Office of Local Government
	Prepare Local Government Grants Commission Return
	Prepare Financial Data Return for Office of Local Government and Australian Bureau of Statistics

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Data migration	Work with internal auditors, external auditors and NSW Audit Office to provide additional verification data for data migration.
Internal audit	Liaise with internal auditors in preparation for supply of internal audit documentation.
Financial Statements	Continue the preparation of data for checking and verification for auditors on site during February. Amend financial statements as per requests from ARIC and NSW Audit Office.
Prepare Council purchase orders	Advise various staff and prepare orders for grant works expenditures.
Provision of financial advice	Liaise with staff in order to provide financial advice regarding budgets, grants and reserves.
Review and authorise payments	Undertake review of payments made to staff and creditors and authorise and undertake bank transfers.

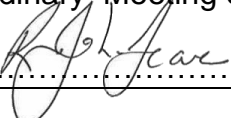
INTEGRATED PLANS

Strategy 5.1 – Transparent leadership, sustainability, accountability and community representation

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 11 – OPERATIONS MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 17 March 2020
Author: Johann Pereira, Operations Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the Operations Manager, Construction along with specific action items being dealt with.

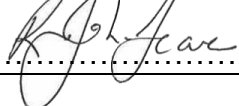
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Operations Manager Construction Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Fixing Country Roads	Applied for FCR funding for Channel Nine Road Reconstruction Project – Coleambally. Previous applications were undertaken by an external contractor.
Meetings	2 x Management Group
	4 x DPIE & TfNSW regarding Jerilderie BP development
	2 x Owen James regarding Downer resealing
	1 x David Clarke regarding Jerilderie town weir.
	5 x Operations meetings
	1 x Shawn Gras
	1 x Dan Hillier regarding Vendor Panel procurement options
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Works in Progress
Nowranie Street Reservoir	Co-ordinating works to completion prior to WTA undertaking initial refurbishment works from 30 March 2020.
Jerilderie Water Treatment Plant	Liaising with WTA to commence \$150k initial refurbishment works in March 2020.

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Utility Works near BP	Successfully acquired \$210k from TfNSW for Council to undertake private works. Organising works to completion.
Resealing	Co-ordinating \$850k in Regional Roads resealing, line marking and associated works for April 2020 completion. Co-ordinating \$360k of local roads resealing Council wide to be completed by April 2020.
Resheeting	Co-ordinating \$620k of resheeting works Council wide to be completed by June 2020.
Roads to Recovery	Co-ordinating \$1M of R2R works Council wide for May 2020 completion.
Capital Delivery	Co-ordinating \$4M of capital works to be completed by June 2020. Liaising with Xeros Piccolo regarding updated scope of works for Bencubbin Ave following meeting with General Manager and Councillors.
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator	12 x permit assessments
Drought Funding	Co-ordinating \$1M in concreting and fabrication works Council wide.
Annual Leave	25 February – 2 March

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

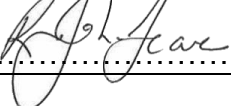
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INTEGRATED PLANS

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report

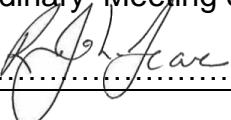
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ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 12 – OPERATIONS MANAGER - MAINTENANCE – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 17 March 2020
Author: William Wade, Operations Manager – Maintenance
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the Operations Manager – Maintenance, along with specific action items being dealt with.

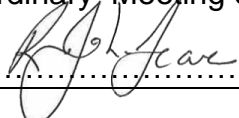
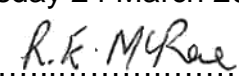
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Operations Manager – Maintenance, Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

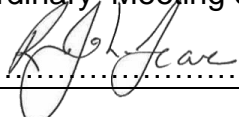
Description	Comment
Meetings	2 x Management Group Essential Energy – Brolga Place Coleambally Works RAMJO Waste Group
Training	PwC Lead Auditor PwC ISO 9001 – Quality Management System PwC ISO 14001 – Environmental Management System PwC ISO 45001 – Occupational Health and Safety System
Council Meeting and Reports	Preparation of reports for Council business paper
Council Maintenance Works	Managing and scheduling maintenance works including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance grading• Town Maintenance• Water and Sewer• Parks and Gardens• Contractors for specialised works
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM)	IWCM proposal has been accepted by the Department of Planning, Industry and

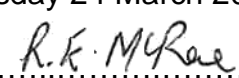
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	Environment. The Department now has to sign deed.
Hydrant Inspections	Inspections in Coleambally complete. Flow tests in Jerilderie conducted. Inspections of the hydrants in Jerilderie and Darlington Point ongoing with 150+ hydrants in each town.
Darlington Point Cemetery	Kerb, gutter and internal road complete. Working on plinth details.
Coleambally Depot Redevelopment	Architect has produced a concept plan. Staff have provided comment and architect is currently adding detail to the plan.
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	Working with Comdain Infrastructure on the project. Project is currently being set out.
Carrington Street – Parking and Drainage	Survey has been completed on Carrington Street (Kidman Way) drainage options from DeMamiel Street through to Boyd Street. Consultation with Transport NSW to be conducted.
RMS Heavy Patching	RMS heavy patching is currently ongoing and ensuring compliance with the RMS requirements. Ensure correct plant and materials available. Correct traffic control, site audits and tool box talks. Additional patches have been ordered by RMS, increasing the length of this program.
Resheeting Program	Resheeting programme ongoing, with trucks carting material and plant being allocated to complete works.
Various Public Requests / Complaints	Dealing with and responding to various enquiries, complaints and requests from the public.
Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Plans	Consultants have been engaged to prepare rehabilitation plans for gravel pits located on land owned by the Department of Crown Lands.
Darlington Point Lion's Park – Amenities Building and Display	Working with the contractor to locate services and provide access to landfill when required.
Darlington Point Football Ground Change Rooms	Working with the contractor to locate services and provide access to landfill when required.

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Positions Vacant	<p>Currently recruiting for the below positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant and Gardens Plant Operator – Coleambally • Plant and Gardens Plant Operator – Jerilderie • Plant Operator Maintenance • Grader Operator Expression of Interest
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SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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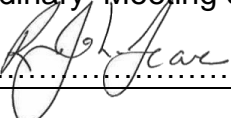
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N/A

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 13 – ASSET MANAGER – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24/03/2020
Report Date: 16/03/2020
Author: Asset Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide information generally relating to past and future actions of the Asset Manager, along with specific action items being dealt with.

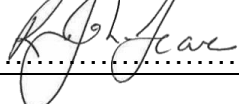
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Asset Manager Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	2 x Management Meetings
	2 x Bio-Security Meetings
	1 x Consultative Committee Meeting
Preparation of Reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
RMS	Continue development of Council System Management Plan
	2 x RMS Inspections (MR321)
	4 x RMS Inspections (HWY17)
Darlington Point Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Floodplain Management Project - Construction of Levee	Continuation of works in conjunction with NSW Public Works
Darlington Point Shire Hall	Detailing repairs required from identified works
Assets	1 x footpath inspection
	Depot maintenance- Jerilderie
	Dwelling repairs- Darlington Point, Jerilderie
	Youth Sports Centre Coleambally - repair
	Council Office, Jerilderie - repair
	63 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie – minor repairs
	Monash Park Jerilderie building repairs

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	Toilets -Town Centre Park, Darlington Point – minor repairs
	Race Course Jerilderie – minor repairs

SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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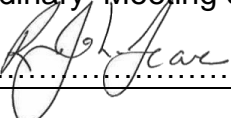
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ATTACHMENTS

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**ITEM NO. 14 - MANAGER CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES –
MONTHLY REPORT**

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 17 March 2020
Author: Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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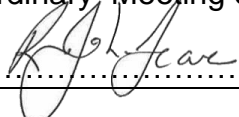
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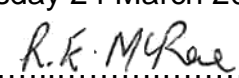
The information contained in the Manager, Corporate & Community Services Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Meetings	Management Group Meetings
	Council Meeting
	Darlington Point Townlife
	Darlington Point and Coleambally Respite Groups
	Cypress View Lodge discussions
	Destination NSW Introductions
	Connect2Employment – Grant Program
	Consultative Committee
	Western Riverina Libraries
Training	FBT Forum – Wagga Wagga
	Women In Leadership Online Training
Preparation of reports for Business Paper	Monthly Report
	Audited Financial Statements
	Student Scholarships
Preparation of Financial Data	Milestone Report and Expenditure Certificate for Milestone 11 2015-16-FM-0068 Reconstruction of Levee (Areas 3-5A)
	Milestone Report and Expenditure Certificate for 2018-19-FM-0044 Darlington Point Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

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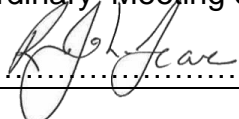
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	Assistance with information for Annual Financial Statements
	Commonwealth Home Support Program Survey Data
Community Services	Home Modifications – Feb (3 jobs) \$8,340.91
	Home Maintenance – Feb (26 jobs) \$1,709.00
	Community Transport – Feb (82 trips), Weekly bus to Griffith
	Community Transport Bus – Feb 1 Wagga trip, 1 Griffith trip
	Meals on Wheels - Feb (80 meals including centre-based meals)
	Respite Groups – Feb - Weekly functions held.
Drought Support Officer	Information as below

Drought Support Officer Report

- AFL “Tackle your Feelings” program took place in Jerilderie and Coleambally on 5 and 6 March respectively. 50 kids in each community attended the workshop, with around 45 adults attending the evening’s Mental Health presentation, learning module. There was positive feedback, with all involved taking some new skills away. The Mayor attended the Jerilderie afternoon, and was interviewed by AFLVIC for a club promotion for both Clubs and for AFLVIC to use to promote their program.
- International Women’s Day – 78 women in total attended at the Colony Inn, Jerilderie. Dr Hannah MacDougall spoke about mental health and resilience. I had positive feedback from all ladies on the bus, and they are looking forward to next year. Hopefully some have passed on their kindness cards. Excess vouchers from the Escape the Drought days were distributed through a rolling raffle. All relevant Politicians were invited but were unavailable. I invited Minister McCormack, Minister Ley, Senator Davey, Helen Dalton MP. Finley High School contacted me in regards to Hannah attending their school and they were fortunate enough to get her to visit on the way to Jerilderie.
- An Expression of Interest card has been made to email, placed on all Council media outlets for the “Budgeting Masterclass” afternoon. This will be sent out by the end of this week. I have been speaking to Carmen Quade of Agrifocused who will deliver these workshops. We have discussed a date in May 2020 (pending Covid-19). I feel that to make it worthwhile we will set a minimum of 10 attendees. I attended one of her workshops last year and it was very good, Carmen lectures part time at CSU in Agribusiness and Accounting. She holds a Bachelor of Business (Ag Commerce) and a Masters in Professional Accounting. Carmen brings a relaxed atmosphere and a sense of humour to the workshops, she presents and understands the complexities and challenges involved in farm finances. She runs a mixed farming business in Tallimba,

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making her well placed to offer real life examples and genuine rapport with participants. She discusses all drought assistance available, which all require budgeting as part of the application process, including Centrelink assistance and both Federal and State funded low interest loans. Many farmers, though excellent producers, are not confident in their abilities in this area. The economics of broad acre cropping are such that many farmers will be seeking additional borrowings or having to renegotiate existing payment terms with banks etc in addition to drought assistance available.

- I will also be speaking to AGDATA Aust. regarding Phoenix accounting package training - particularly focusing on Single Touch Payroll (the need for this training was brought to my attention by the Rural Financial Counsellor). They will be in our area during May so, again pending social gathering restrictions, I will be trying to get them to Coleambally.
- I have been assisting various organisations with their grant writing – at the moment there are so many options available that it really is important the correct grant is chosen for what the organisation actually needs or the event they are trying to develop. I help them formulate their written responses and make sure the required guidelines are met. I do not fill the forms out for them, as they have to learn the process.
- I have been in talks with Active Farmers regarding a guest speaker to present at their last get together after their 8 week program for Coleambally farmers (over 60 farmers have been attending weekly). I have emailed Motor Neurone Disease ambassador Neale Daniher and will have an open event for all to attend.
- Art in the Park at Darlington Point is still in the works, but again seeing what comes of Coronavirus restrictions.
- Alan from Solutions4All Building Better Regions has been working with us to develop a program to visit schools and our community. He participated in our Escape the Drought days last year. He has suggested the following dates for visits.
 - Thursday 19th March - Meeting in Coleambally
 - Thursday 2nd April - Career support services - Jerilderie
 - Thursday 16th April - Career support services - Darlington Point
 - Thursday 30th April - Career support services - Coleambally
 - Thursday 14th May - Career support services - Jerilderie
 - Thursday 28th May - Career support services - Darlington Point
 - Thursday 11th June - Career support services - Coleambally
 - Thursday 25th June - Tentative Career Expo


SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

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FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

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RISK MANAGEMENT

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CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

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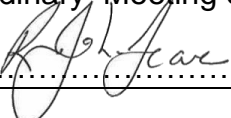
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ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 15 – MANAGER ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 11 March 2020
Author: Economic and Tourism Development Manager
File #: SC218
Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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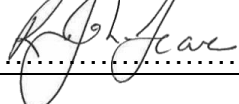
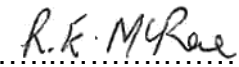
RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Manager, Economic and Tourism Development Monthly Report be noted.

OFFICER COMMENT

Description	Comment
Economic Development	
METAG	Attended meeting Tuesday 10 March in Coleambally (see attached minutes and RDA Riverina Cards).
Regional Development Australia – Riverina	No action this month
Regional Development Australia – Murray	No action this month
Darlington Point Solar Farm	Potential community event to be held on Thursday 16 April – running tours for the public to visit the solar farm.
Tourism	
Destination New South Wales	Arranged Antje Klupsch, Regional Tourism Development Manager, Riverina Murray from Destination NSW to meet with tourism operators and event organisers in Darlington Point on Friday 6 March.
Destination Riverina Murray	Meeting with General Manager for update on projects
Thrive Riverina	Submitted details for Lake Jerilderie trail for the Shifting Gears content for <i>Inside the Riverina</i> March newsletter. Submitted details for International Women's Day for the Thrive Riverina March event newsletter (was not published).

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Newell Highway Promotions Committee	1,800 Newell Highway brochures and 800 Jerilderie fliers distributed at the Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow in Melbourne.
Kidman Way Promotions Committee	<p>Teleconference 4 February 2020 (see attached Minutes)</p> <p>Attendance at the Victorian Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow from 19-24 February 2020 in Melbourne.</p> <p>Total of 45,726 people attended the show. Total of 257 interactions recorded throughout the expo on the stand (Thursday – 90, Friday 93, Saturday 32, Sunday 31, and Monday – 11). Interactions recorded could have been a couple, single, family or group. Couples aged 60+ were the main visitors to the stand on Thursday and Friday, with more family groups and a younger crowd on Saturday and Sunday. 87% of interactions were with people from Melbourne – however there were people from Ballarat, Geelong, Tasmania and Bendigo. People we spoke with at the expo are touring north (to outback Queensland, Cape York or Darwin) and are keen to try a different touring route. The other touring route people were planning was from Melbourne to head to Mildura, Broken Hill and then across to Cobarr/ Bourke and return to Melbourne on the Kidman Way. People confirmed for touring the Kidman Way this year were travelling from April to July.</p>
Ned Kelly Touring Route	Planning to update the brochure and do a re-print to supply the next two years.
Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide	<p>Joint Visitor Guide and Destination Marketing project to be undertaken in collaboration with Narrandera, Leeton and Lockhart Shire Councils.</p> <p>Meeting in Leeton 14 February (see attached minutes) Meeting in Lockhart 2 March Teleconference 12 March (see attached minutes)</p>
Advertising	Attended the Griffith Visitor Guide launch on Thursday 5 March at Griffith Art Gallery.

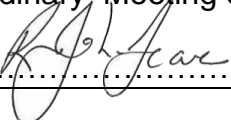
	 <p>Richie Robinson, General Manager, Destination Riverina Murray, Antje Klupsch, Regional Tourism Development Manager at Destination NSW, Kellie Dissegna, Economic and Tourism Development Manager, Murrumbidgee Council and Mirella Guidolin, Tourism Manager, Griffith City Council.</p>
Other	<p>Attended Local Government NSW Tourism Conference 16-18 March in Jindabyne.</p> <p>Preparation of photography brief for tourism photography images.</p>

ID Profile

Latest data for Murrumbidgee Council area include:

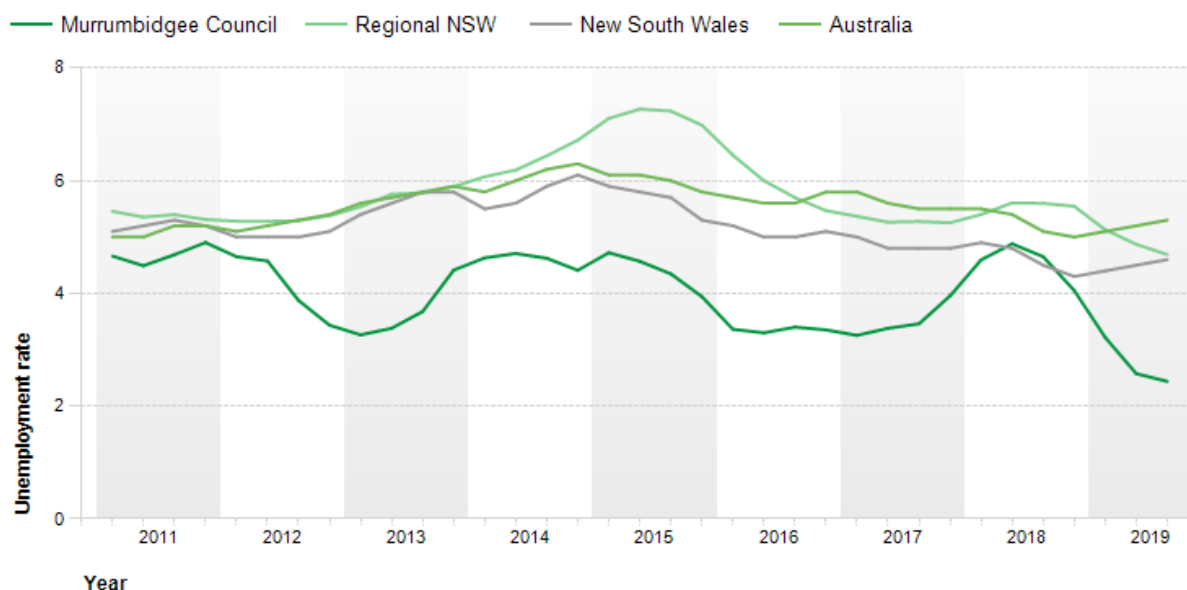
- Unemployment and labour force - In the 2019 September quarter, the unemployment rate in Murrumbidgee Council was 2.44% (NSW 4.60%, Australia 5.3%). The unemployment rate is derived from the ABS labour force survey and Centrelink data and compiled by the Department of Employment.
- Business counts (ABN's) – in 2018, the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry had the largest number of total registered businesses in Murrumbidgee Council, comprising 55.7% of all total registered businesses, compared to 6.8% in New South Wales. The Australian Business Register is a register of all business entities and sole traders in Australia, based on Australian Business Numbers (ABN's), maintained by the Australian Taxation Office.

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Quarterly unemployment rate



SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL

N/A

INTEGRATED PLANS

This report is linked to the Murrumbidgee Council Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027:

Theme Four: Our Economy

Strategies:

4.1.2 Promote Murrumbidgee and its towns and potential light manufacturing wholesale and retail business opportunities to diversify industry and stimulate employment growth

4.2.2 Work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to build Murrumbidgee Council profile

4.2.3 Contribute to regional tourism initiatives and major events in the region

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- 4.2.5 Support local business with access to available training, workforce skills and technology
- 4.2.6 Build data and analysis of business and industry in the Murrumbidgee LGA
- 4.3.1 Provide professional information services promoting tourism, visitor ventures and activities in our towns
- 4.3.2 Provide promotion and resources for tourism service providers
- 4.4.1 Raise community awareness of TAFE, university and other regional education providers

Theme 5: Our Leadership – Looking to our Future

5.1 Demonstrating Transparent Leadership through Sustainability, Accountability and Community Representation

RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

As detailed in report.


OPTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment # 13: METAG Minutes 10 March 2020
- Attachment # 14: Regional Development Australia – Riverina cards
- Attachment # 15: Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide Minutes 14 February 2020
- Attachment # 16: Murrumbidgee Trails Visitor Guide Minutes 12 March 2020
- Attachment # 17: Kidman Way Promotional Committee Minutes 4 February 2020

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ITEM NO. 16 - CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	16 March 2020
Author:	Executive Assistant
File #:	SC6
Approval:	General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Arrangements are in place to conduct a Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 1 April 2020. The ceremony will take place at the Darlington Point Chambers, commencing 10.30am. Conferees are Mr Joseph Lia, Mr Rommel Marcelo, Mrs Mary Ann Marcelo, Miss Roshan Marcelo and Miss Ruth Marcelo.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Australian Citizenship Ceremony Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Citizenship ceremonies are generally public ceremonial occasions which provide an important opportunity to formally welcome new citizens as full members of the Australian community. Citizenship ceremonies fulfil legal requirements prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016. They are conducted under the authority of the Australian Government Minister responsible for citizenship matters.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code provides guidance for Council. It sets out legal and other requirements for conducting Citizenship Ceremonies, as well as the roles and responsibilities of those conducting ceremonies.

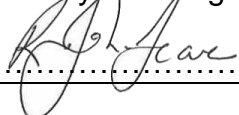
SUSTAINABILITY

NIL

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE/POLICY

In NSW, the Mayor and General Manager are person authorised to receive a pledge of commitment under subsection 27 (5) of the Australian Citizenship Act 2007 and Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016.

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FINANCIAL

Estimated \$300.00

INTEGRATED PLANS

Action 1.1.4.2 - Conduct Australian Citizenship Ceremonies in accordance with guidelines set by the Department of Immigration.

RISK MANAGEMENT

NIL

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

Mayor and General Manager

OPTIONS

1. Host the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies;
2. Forego the right to host Citizenship Ceremonies.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

ITEM NO. 17 – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION, FEBRUARY 2020

Council Meeting: 24 March 2020
Report Date: 10 March 2020
Author: General Manager
File #: SC210
Approval: Manager, Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Development Applications Approved Under Delegation during the previous month.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Development Applications Approved under Delegation Report, February 2020, be noted.

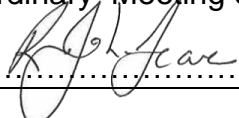
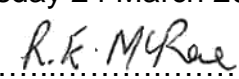
BACKGROUND

DA/CDC No.	Property Location	Description	Value	Determination Date
DA18-2019	Lot 53 DP 1014775 42 Barwidgee Boulevard Darlington Point	New Fence	\$12,000	11/02/2020
DA/CC 5-2020	Lot 14 DP 262152 109 Coreen Street Jerilderie	Shed	\$13,000	26/02/2020
DA13-2020	Lot A & B DP 415931 16343 Sturt Highway Darlington Point	Hail Proof Netting	\$210,0000	28/02/2020

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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ITEM NO. 18 - BIOSECURITY / SALEYARDS / TRUCKWASH / STOCK CONTROL

Council Meeting:	27 March 2020
Report Date:	17 March 2020
Author:	Biosecurity Officers
File #:	SC92
Approval:	Manager, Planning & Environment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on activities of the Biosecurity Officers during the previous months.

RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Biosecurity, Saleyards, Truckwash and Stock Control Report be noted.

BACKGROUND

Jerilderie:

Weeds

- Attended Regional Weeds Committee meeting - Weed Action Plan (WAP) 2020-2025 planning discussed;
- Installed Red Guide Posts and treated Spiny Burr Grass sites;
- Treated sewerage pond tracks;
- Treated Silver Leaf Nightshade along local roads;
- Treated swimming pool equipment and furniture for spiders;
- Treated town back lanes;
- Treated town tip for Caltrop and other weeds;
- Treated water tower yard;
- Treated road shoulders along MR564 and one third of MR321;
- Treat ants along town streets;
- Inspections ongoing.

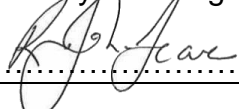
Truck Wash

- Treated surrounds.

Stock Control

- NIL

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Saleyards

- Watering trees and, after missing funding for upgrades, waiting for direction to plan maintenance to get yards up to the required standard.

Coleambally & Darlington Point:

Weeds

- 2 High Risk Pathway Inspections undertaken;
- 4 private property inspections undertaken;
- 2 local road inspections undertaken;
- 5 Red Guide Post sites sprayed;
- Silver Leaf Nightshade weed control on Sturt Highway, Kidman Way, Yamma Road, Donald Ross Drive;
- Boxthorn treated at Coleambally;
- Johnson Grass treated at Darlington Point, Sturt Highway, Donald Ross Drive;
- Other weed treatment also undertaken for Spiny Burr Grass, Khaki Weed, catheads;
- Spray Coleambally Ovals for Khaki Weed and catheads;
- Local road shoulders sprayed, including Donald Ross Drive, Pine Drive, Rosewood Road, Yamma Road, Kidman Way and Hogan Lane;
- Attended Riverina Weed Committee meeting

Stock Control

1 Cow reported on Sturt Highway, owner contacted.

INTEGRATED PLANS

Strategy 2.6.2 Educate and inform the community on weed management:

- Action 2.6.2.1 Promote biosecurity and weed management reduction through Council's weed management program;
- Action 2.6.2.1 Undertake inspections of rural properties to identify the existence of noxious weeds, advise and monitor for weed control;
- Action 2.6.2.3 Undertake weekly infestation inspections on Council and State controlled land (including roads) and implement eradication measures.

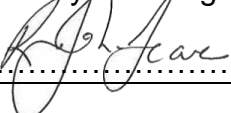
OPTIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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ITEM NO. 19 - WORKS IN PROGRESS 19/02/2019 to 17/03/20

Council Meeting: 25 February 2020
 Report Date: 18 February 2020
 Author: Johann Pereira & William Wade, Operations Managers
 File #: SC218
 Approval: General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Information report provided to Council on Works in Progress during the period 19 February 2019 to 17 March 2020


RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in the Works in Progress Report be noted.

BACKGROUNDWorks Completed In Period

		Budgeted (\$)	Actual Cost (\$)	Funding Source
Regional Roads				
RR552 – Conargo Road	Guideposts installed			
RR564 – Berrigan Road				
RR323 – Oaklands Road				
RR59 – Urana Road				
RR596 – Morundah Road	Construction to widen shoulders on each side of seg 28 – 2.61km and seg 29 – 2.34km. Formation to increase from 5.7m to 10m. Sealed travel way to increase from 5.7m to 8m. Guideposts installed	500,000	587,734 (Final)	Regional Roads Repair Program & Regional Roads Block Grant
RR356 – Berrigan Oaklands Road				
RR183 – Whitton Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			

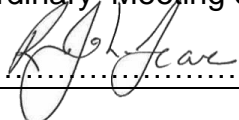
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Carrathool Road	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control			
MR321 – Kidman Way	Tar patching on various segments. Roadside vegetation control RMS Heavy Patching – Traffic control, stabilisation of existing material with slag lime blend on below areas: Darlington Point bridges - Core test carried out on the bridge abutments by geotechnical engineer to determine best remedial works method. Yanco Creek Bridge Traffic control was put in place. Bitumen was removed from the surface of the bridge with the excavator. The jet patcher then patched the area of works.	N/A		TfNSW
H17 – Newell Highway	Rubbish collection Roadside vegetation control at Waddi intersection - slashing Spraying of roadside vegetation.			
Local Road Maintenance	Grader Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harveys Well Road – 12km • Hardy Road – 6km • Cattinach Road • Kyola Road - 3km • Lovegrove Road – 3km Maintenance of Coleambally Number 2 oval internal roads to the new change rooms. Roads were formed up and made accessible. Material stockpile sites created on Eulo Road for resealing works. Draining of water from rural roads after heavy rains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morundah Road • Prickly Road • Main Canal Road Guide post replacement and signs replaced on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald Ross Drive • Eulo Road • Main Canal Road • Steele Road • Wallace Road 			

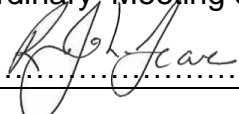
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Corners Road Roadside vegetation control, including slashing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy Cull Road • Pine Drive • Prickly Road • Rosewood Road • Channel 9 Road • Eulo Road • Anderson Road 			
	Tar Patching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Nine Road • Main Canal Road • Donald Ross Drive • Darlington Point local town roads • Sealing of heavy patches • Conargo Road area Coleambally township area and surrounding roads			
Construction	Britts Road reconstruction 850m length, 5.5m seal width. Works completed. Awaiting final invoices.	120,000	41,870	Council
	Greens Lane reconstruction, 1700m length, 6m seal width.	220,000	12,768	Roads to Recovery
Resheeting	Four Corners Road - resheeting road surface 100mm of road surface for 4.2km.	115,000	74,169	Council
Town Streets	Darlington Point: Roadside vegetation control throughout town. Tar patching throughout town streets. Streets and bridges swept by street sweeping truck.			
Resealing Programme	Eulo Rd, Coleambally. 1.03km length, 7.6m width	30,000	TBC	Council
	Greens Lane, Jerilderie. 1.9km length, 6m width.	40,000	TBC	Roads to Recovery
	Harris Lane, Jerilderie, 4.02km length, 5.5m width.	75,000	TBC	Council
	Jimmy Cull Road, Coleambally. 2.37km length, 7m width.	60,000	TBC	Roads to Recovery

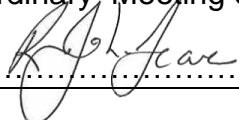
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	Logie Brae Road, Jerilderie. 2.3km length, 5.5m width.	45,000	TBC	Council
	Wilson Road, Jerilderie. 4km length, 6m width.	85,000	TBC	Council
	Willows Road, Jerilderie. 4.2km length, 6m width.	88,000	TBC	Council
Town Maintenance	Darlington Point Vegetation control on asset protection zones around town. Fire breaks around town slashed. Garden beds in road medians cleared up and maintained. Spraying around town for weeds focusing on walkways.			
	Coleambally Vegetation control on asset protection zones around Coleambally. Slashing of vegetation at town entrance.			
	Jerilderie Removal of fallen trees and branches on Monash Drive with the excavator. Spraying around town for weeds, focusing on walkways.			
Parks and Gardens	Parks and gardens maintained throughout Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point. Additional staff and resources were directed to parks and gardens after the recent heavy rainfall.			
Water and Sewerage	Darlington Point Two (2) water mains breakages in Campbell Street were excavated and repaired. Water main breakage repaired on Chant Street. Small leak was found and repaired.			
	Coleambally A sewer main blockage was cleared behind the Coleambally shops in Brolga Place.			

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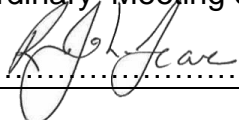
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	Jerilderie 300m utility works from Coonong Street to Motel boundary to provide clear access for TfNSW rehabilitation. Nowranie St water reservoir connection. Works expected to be completed 27 March 2020, in preparation for WTA to undertake initial refurbishment works at Jerilderie WTP.	210,000	56,523	TfNSW
		N/A	37,731	Council
	Bore Coverage: Coverage of bores within the Council area: Darlington Point Bore No 1: 23 m coverage while idle Bore No 2: 23m coverage while idle Coleambally Bore No 1: 20m coverage while idle, running 15m coverage Bore No 3: 31m coverage while idle, running 22 m coverage			

Concreting	Construction of 500m footpath on Sandpiper Street, Coleambally - Jason Wharton.	82,500	TBC	Drought Funding
	Construction of 200m footpath on Barwidgee Blvd, Darlington Point - Jason Wharton.	39,600	37,972 (Final)	Drought Funding
Fabricating	CWA Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate shade structure over swings, playgrounds and replace picnic table. Shade structure over swing set currently being installed. Shade structure over playground to follow.	35,900	TBC	Drought Funding
	Lion's Park - Steve Fattore engaged to fabricate 3 structures over picnic tables and BBQ	32,000	TBC	Drought Funding
	Adrian Douglas Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to replace new tables/chairs with new shade structure.	22,500	20,000	Drought Funding
	Figtree Park, Darlington Point – Steve Fattore engaged to replace picnic benches and install shade structures. Awaiting final invoices.	30,200	17,655	Drought Funding
	Monash Park – Brad Belling and Mark Anthony engaged to install seating (25) and fabricate fence rails (25).	37,000	14,000	Drought Funding

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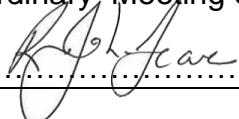
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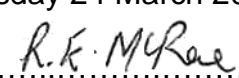
	Rubbish bins 75% completed. Tree guards 90% completed, Jerilderie – Mark Anthony and Kevin A'Vard engaged and fabrication underway.	40,000	18,928	Drought Funding
	Jerilderie Lake seating – Kevin A'Vard engaged.	12,000	1,000	Drought Funding
	Old RSL/Bakery lawn areas, Jerilderie – Kevin A'Vard engaged. Picnic tables only.	20,200	1,046	Drought Funding
	Bellbird St, Coleambally. Replace timber benches. Kevin A'Vard engaged.	7,500	4,500	Drought Funding
	Netball Courts, Coleambally. Grandstand materials specified and ordered, waiting for delivery. Mark Anthony engaged.	30,000	25,000	Drought Funding
	Curlew Street Park Coleambally. Shade structure over play equipment and picnic tables. Concrete footings installed, structure underway. Kevin A'Vard engaged.	35,000	10,000	Drought Funding
	Skate park, Coleambally. Concrete footings installed, and shade structure has been fabricated and to be erected. Kevin A'Vard engaged.	20,000	7,000	Drought Funding

OTHER ITEMS

Darlington Point Cemetery	Concreting works on the kerb and gutter have been completed. New grass is currently being established.			
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans	The funding deed between Council and the Department of Industry, Water has been signed. NSW Public Works have been engaged to start work on the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans.			
Coleambally Depot Upgrade	The architect is currently preparing plans based on the feedback from staff. The mechanic workshop has been reviewed by staff and specific requirements have been given to the architect.			
Darlington Point Boat Ramp	Infrastructure has started, set out of the works with surveyors installing pegs for the works.			

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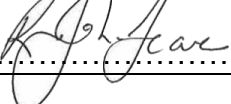
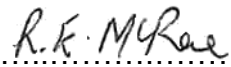
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Truck Rollover – Sturt Highway	A truck rolled over approximately 25km west of Darlington Point. Council provided traffic control to close the Sturt Highway for approximately 5 hours.			
Roadside Cleanup	Signage and traffic control were provided to Baiada to clean up the roadside along their farm frontages of Donald Ross Drive and Ringwood Road.			

UPCOMING WORKS

		Budgeted (\$)	Funding Source
Local Road Maintenance	All roads within the bus routes to be maintenance graded. Tar patching throughout towns.		
Resealing	See Regional Roads below		
Resheeting	Green Swamp Road, 4km.	TBC	Roads to Recovery
Regional Roads	Linemarking - Conargo Road Segments 5, 6 & 8 Linemarking - Oaklands Road Segments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10 Resealing - Oaklands Road, Segments 9 & 10 Resealing Conargo Road, Segments 2, 3 & 6	TBC	RRBG
Water and Sewerage	Flushing of water mains throughout Coleambally.		
	Initial refurbishment of Jerilderie's Water Treatment Plant	150,000	DPIE
Parks and Gardens	Automation of Luke Park (Jerilderie) sprinkler system	14,500	Council
Construction	Bencubbin Ave	1.3M	Council, SCF, HVSP
Concreting	115m of footpath on Betts Street, Jerilderie. Jason Wharton	27,500	Drought Funding
	140m of footpath on Mahonga Street, Jerilderie. Jason Wharton.	33,400	Drought Funding

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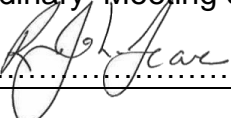

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	210m of K&C rehab on Nowranie Street. Jason Wharton.	44,100	Drought Funding
	115m of K&C rehab on Wood Street. Jason Wharton.	24,150	Drought Funding
	90m of K&C rehab on DeMamiel Street including Sports Club driveway. Jason Wharton.	18,900	Drought Funding

ATTACHMENTS

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 20 – STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

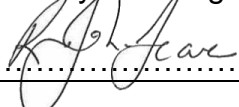
Council Meeting:	24 March 2020
Report Date:	17 March 2020
Author:	Manager Corporate & Community Services
File #:	SC131
Approval:	General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

This item be referred to the **CONFIDENTIAL** section of the Ordinary Council Meeting which is closed to the public. This item is classified as confidential in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors);

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